

What is The Friendship Force?

The Friendship Force of Minnesota/Twin Cities is a member of a worldwide network of clubs known as Friendship Force International (FFI). The mission of Friendship Force is to create an environment where friendships can be established across international borders. We do this by connecting people from different countries at the personal level. When local hosts open their homes to visitors from other countries and cultures, understanding can develop through the sharing of meals, conversation and the routines of daily life.

What is in a Name?

The name was carefully selected. **Friendship** rather than peace is the primary concept. **Force** may be used as a synonym for army, an organized group of people with a mission. Used in this way, “force” conveys that we are not only individuals, but are part of a worldwide movement for friendship. By combining the two words, friendship and force, we are able to create an image of power and force for friendship. **We call it “The Friendship Force”.**

What We Do

The Friendship Force of Minnesota/Twin Cities is one of more than 375 clubs in 59 countries around the world which works to increase international understanding through the process of home hospitality.

Ambassadors

Friendship Force is a volunteer driven organization. **Ambassadors** live in a Host’s home, taking part in family and community life. Ambassadors and Hosts may not speak the same language nor share similar backgrounds, yet the power of friendship overcomes the differences. “Faces, not places” describes the Friendship Force mission.

Physical requirements includes being able to walk for extended periods of time, handle your own luggage, and in general, keep up with the typical daily activities of a Host family.

International and Domestic Exchanges

We call our trips Exchanges. Exchanges may be to a foreign country or to another club within the USA. An Ambassador has the opportunity to know a country in a personal and powerful way by forming friendships with people through home hospitality. Living with a host family brings an understanding and respect of another country and its culture.

Home Hospitality

Home Hospitality is the signature program of Friendship Force. You will have the opportunity to be a guest in someone’s home, where the real power of citizen diplomacy can be experienced. This is a way to experience places and events not ordinarily seen as a tourist.

Host Family

Club members host Ambassadors in their homes, usually for a one-week period. **Hosts** provide room and meals without reimbursement. It is a modest commitment, which can result in a priceless friendship. Group activities are arranged to include other club members to expand the potential of friendship beyond the host family. Club members can also volunteer to day host or help out with exchanges in other ways. After sharing experiences of friendship, differences of language, race, creed or politics becomes less important.

Become a Member Today

We invite you to join our Team of volunteers in discovering how cultural barriers can be overcome to promote global peace through friendship with people of all nations. Members of The Friendship Force of Minnesota/Twin Cities have welcomed visitors from afar and have been home hosted by Clubs around the world. Discover the rewards that await you when you join:

[The Friendship Force of Minnesota/Twin Cities](#)

Becoming a Member is Easy

JUST VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.friendshipforcetwincities.org

Download a Membership Application. Then, mail it to our Treasurer.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE....

www.friendshipforcetwincities.org.

On our *WEBSITE* you can:

- Contact our Officers
- View our Events Calendar
- View our Upcoming Events
- View our Newsletters
- Read about our Upcoming Exchanges

We are also on [facebook](#)

Just click on ***Friend US*** and sign up.

Our Club is funded through annual membership dues and donations.

Dues include our Club newsletter and eligibility for any Friendship Force International exchanges.

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Since 1978, **Friendship Force International** has made a difference by sending Ambassadors to or hosted Ambassadors from:

Albania	Argentina
Australia	Austria
Azerbaijan	Belgium
Belarus	Brazil
Burundi	Canada
Chile	China
Columbia	Costa Rica
Cyprus	Czech Republic
Egypt	Estonia
France	Georgia
Germany	Ghana
Greece	Guadeloupe
Hungary	India
Indonesia	Israel
Jamaica	Japan
Kenya	Korea
Lithuania	Latvia
Malaysia	Mexico
Moldova	Mongolia
Morocco	Myanmar
Nepal	Netherlands
New Caledonia	New Zealand
Norway	Peru
Romania	Russia
Slovakia	South Africa
Sweden	Switzerland
Taiwan	Tanzania
Thailand	Turkey
Uganda	Ukraine
United Kingdom	United States
Uzbekistan	Vietnam

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CHANGING THE
WAY YOU SEE
THE WORLD

Are **you** ready to meet new people,
visit interesting places and have
amazing experiences?

Do **you** believe that friendships
among people of different nations
and cultures can make the world
more peaceful?

Do **you** have a curiosity about the
world and enjoy learning about
other cultures and ways of life?