

## Testimonial

*My first contact with YFU was to host a 17 year old American student from Ohio in 1983. This experience was so successful that my wife and I hosted several more students after that.*

*During the following years I became a YFU Volunteer supporting other host families and students. This proved to be very satisfying and rewarding, as our circle of friends grew exponentially with every gathering with our newly found YFU "family of volunteers".*

*A few years later I was asked to take on being an Area Representative for YFU arranging student and host family and student interviews. This proved to be a very exciting and character-building experience for me, as I was shy and felt very uneasy speaking in front of groups or at gatherings where I did not know everyone.*

*I have been asked by many people..... "Why do you do this?? What's in it for YOU???"....I say to those who ask that my reward and personal gain from being a volunteer and giving up much of my time is:*

- *to see the happiness of the many families who have hosted a YFU exchange student, whether it be for 6 weeks or a few months or a year*
- *to hear and re-live the experiences of a returnee who has come home after their time abroad,*
- *to see the look of accomplishment, when a student has mastered the challenges of a new language,*
- *to be part of the enthusiasm of a young adult who describes their new job and how YFU and their global experience had been a fundamental part of the confidence and character-building attributes needed in attaining the new job,*
- *to have known many new friends and acquaintances made during the many years of volunteering,*

*I cannot fully explain what volunteering with YFU has meant to me and others - it means so much. It has been instrumental in changing young peoples' lives to be more rewarding and stimulating. It has helped families to explore new horizons and to venture abroad to re-unite with their former students and their families. It has been a key or a link for individuals to gain the confidence to become more socially active. It has been many things to many people, so if you are thinking of volunteering for YFU – go for it. You won't regret it.*

**Sydney, a long term YFU host dad, volunteer and area representative**

## Current Positions Available

### National Office

Currently no positions are available. Check back as back with us later

### Part-time/Casual Positions in New Zealand

If you are interested in joining our team of student recruitment and placement coordinators, part-time and casual roles for people experienced or interested in student exchange are available in Christchurch, Wellington, Auckland, Dunedin, Nelson, Gisborne, New Plymouth, Napier/Hawkes Bay and Timaru. These positions require:

- public speaking skills
- initiative and flexibility
- enthusiasm for student exchange
- ability to relate to parents, students and schools
- driver's licence/car

These positions are home-based and are remunerated in accordance with experience and performance. Training is provided. Send resume by email to [info@yfu.co.nz](mailto:info@yfu.co.nz) or contact us on 0800 833 624 (free call) for more information

## Current Volunteer Positions Available

### North Island

- Student placement team members- all areas
- Student /family interview and support team members –all areas
- Information sessions team members- Auckland, Wellington, Gisborne, Napier/Hawkes Bay, New Plymouth, and other major centres
- Airport meet and greet team members- Wellington, Auckland,

### South Island

- Student placement team members- all areas
- Student /family interview and support team members –all areas
- Information sessions team members- Christchurch, Dunedin, Nelson,, Tmaru
- Airport meet and greet team members - Christchurch,