

Making a Friend within Few Weeks

Statement of Experience

Diane Misso and her family participated in the German-American Youth Exchange Program in 2011 and she contributed the following statement:

My son loved the German language. So the reason we picked his High school was they offered German as a class, especially since he took the class all through grade school. We found out about the German exchange program and we thought it would be nice to learn more about German culture. We wanted to sponsor a young boy but there were not enough boys so we took in a girl. I was a little worried that my son and she would not have much in common especially since she was a few years older than him. Well, we met Sina, she is kind, friendly and we had such a nice time with her. My son met so many more people at his school since all the German kids got together at everyone's house for dinner and get-togethers. We had such a great time! We had all the girls cook a German meal, everything was delicious.

*"It would be nice to learn more
about the German culture"*

"We made a friend for life"

It has been many years since then. I am happy to say we have made a friend for life. Sina and her family and some friends have come back and stayed with us, as a matter of fact Sina came to Buffalo in October and stayed a few days with us. Having a student was such a blessing to us, the best decision we ever made. We have an open door for Sina, I hope she comes back soon!