

IT SOUNDS IDEALISTIC. DOES IT WORK?

Over two million strangers have had the chance to meet and often make lifelong friendships as a result of participating in the program. Indeed, Friendship Force is making a difference.

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF GREATER HARRISBURG, PA

The Greater Harrisburg Club was founded in 1983 and is currently the only FF club in Pennsylvania. Each year we typically host one foreign inbound journey and travel on one foreign outbound journey. Our club has about 100 members and is led by a board of directors who meet bi-monthly to make decisions related to journeys, activities and events. An e-newsletter announces these decisions to our members. Activities include social events, luncheons, new membership opportunities and semi-annual general membership meetings.

Our Club has participated in over 100 exchanges. Ambassadors have visited 6 continents, enjoying home stays and cultural experiences in over 25 countries. We have hosted clubs from over 30 countries, including Open World and themed journeys. Many members have attended Festivals and International Conferences sponsored by Friendship Force International. You can be part of the FF experience by traveling on an outbound journey or by participating in some capacity when our club hosts an inbound journey.



MEMBERSHIP

Please contact Mary DuPont at 717-979-7380 or mdup751@gmail.com for more information on how you can become a member of Friendship Force.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please Print)

First/Last Name

First/Last Name

Email Address

Address

Contact Phone Number

Contact Phone Number

Annual Membership Dues \$25 per person

Mail application and dues to:
Friendship Force of Greater Harrisburg
P.O. Box 1606, Camp Hill, PA 17011

If you are interested in learning more about how you can get involved with Friendship Force our local website provides additional information.

FF Greater Harrisburg website:
www.friendshipforcepa.org

**Facebook: The Friendship Force
of Greater Harrisburg**

FF International (Atlanta)
www.thefriendshipforce.org



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WHAT IS FRIENDSHIP FORCE?

Friendship Force (FF) is a nonprofit, cultural global exchange organization whose mission is to promote peace and goodwill by bringing people together through informational journeys. Through such educational programs, FF sows the seeds of friendship across the physical and cultural barriers that divide us. Starting as a governor's initiative under Jimmy Carter in 1977, there are now close to 400 chartered Friendship Force Clubs on 6 continents whose members are committed to making friends, both at home and abroad.

EXPLORE

All Friendship Force journeys begin with the curiosity and the desire to know more. Seeing a culture up close, through the eyes of local residents, takes you straight to the heart of a country and its people.

UNDERSTAND

Cultural differences can bring people together! Traveling or hosting with Friendship Force gets you off the tourist track and straight into the lives of real people in different settings. If you are not able to travel, you can participate as a home, day, or dinner host. However you take part in club activities, you will gain friendships at home and abroad that can last a lifetime.

SERVE

Participation in Friendship Force is unique because once you travel to another country, you will never see its people the same way again. Time spent together in conversation and sharing cultures creates new opinions and opens your heart and mind. Friendship Force sponsors humanitarian exchanges and educational projects that allow you to have an even more rewarding cultural experience.

BRINGING OUR MEMBERS FACE-TO-FACE WITH PEOPLE OF THE WORLD



IS FRIENDSHIP FORCE A TRAVEL/TOURIST ORGANIZATION?

No. Ambassadors (members) may cover great distances and see many places during a journey, but the success of a journey is measured in handshakes, hugs, and new friendships.

WHAT, EXACTLY, IS AN JOURNEY?

An journey is a one-week intercultural learning and sharing experience. Ambassadors typically travel together to and from an assigned host country and spend the week in the homes of FF hosts. They are welcomed as treasured guests and soon become "one of the family." Most friendships form over the course of an exchange and begin long-term relationships. Both host and Ambassador feel that they gain knowledge and have a new respect for the other's country and its people.

WHAT IS A DOMESTIC JOURNEY?

If a foreign journey is not available at a convenient time, a Club may choose to arrange a domestic journey with another Club in their region or country in order to share ideas and to get to know other members. Domestic journeys have proven to be just as rewarding as foreign journeys.

CAN ANYONE BE AN AMBASSADOR OR HOST?

Traveling and hosting with FF provides a unique opportunity to experience a lifestyle different than your own. A FF ambassador needs to be flexible, have a compassion for people, a positive attitude, a good sense of humor, an adventurous spirit, and a reasonably good physical stamina. Applicants are interviewed to insure that they meet these criteria. Whether one travels as an ambassador or opens their home as a host, the results are usually the same. You find that you have more in common with people from other countries than you have differences. Within one week, you truly make new friends.

ARE THERE OTHER WAYS TO PARTICIPATE?

Not everyone has the space, time or inclination to be a host or Ambassador, but day-hosting, driving, giving a small dinner party or just attending events are rewarding activities. Regional and international conferences, festivals and humanitarian trips are also available.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EXCHANGE?

Annual club membership is \$25.00/per person. The cost to travel as an ambassador varies based on the location. Because each journey includes a home stay, the cost for a week-long journey is much less than traveling with a tour company. Club members from other clubs open their homes and their hearts to their guests with warm hospitality. They receive no money from the organization.

