

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE MSU

HIGHLIGHTS 2024

I am happy to share with you that in 2024 we had Love abound each day at the Friendship House! Here are just a few pictures, highlights, and testimonials from this past year:

- Registration of over 120 people for the fall semester, between our traditional and intensive ESL programs with new students arriving weekly;
- Expanded class selection to include sewing, cooking, and health and wellness;
- An “Ask the Expert” series with guest speakers from all walks of life to offer our international community members assistance.



Teacher Laura and Friendship House students in a weekly spouse connection meeting at Kruger's Landing

- Having our Zoom students join us from Iran, China, Denmark, Austria, South Korea, and other countries;
- Numerous field trips to places like Frankenmuth, Henry Ford Museum, local farms, and over thirty community members to a MSU women's volleyball game.

The classes and activities, and much more, are made possible by our wonderful volunteers and financial supporters who drive our efforts of Love well into our fourth decade.

I encourage you to come and be a part of the Friendship House community. I can promise it will make a positive impact in your life—and the lives of others!

God's Blessings,

Dan Winter, Executive Director

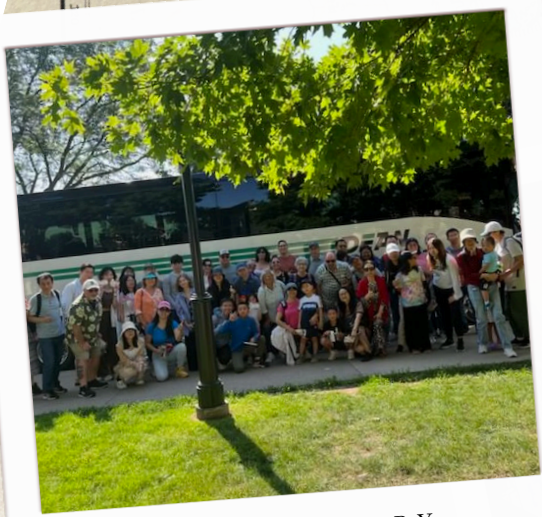


Dan Winter and his wife Cindy with international students at an MSU volleyball match





INTERNATIONAL COOKING CLASS



TRIP TO HENRY FORD MUSEUM



ASK TRE EXPERT MEETING



TRIP TO MARY LOU'S GARDEN

2024 at the Friendship House



SEWING CLASS



POTLUCK AT THE END OF SUMMER SEMESTER



DINING ROOM GATHERING



SPOUSE CONNECTION GROUP



ENGLISH CLASS

2024 International Student Testimonies

I have had the wonderful opportunity to participate in the English courses and various events offered by Friendship House. Being a part of this community has not only brought me joy and improved my English skills but also allowed me to make new friends and socialize in a warm, supportive environment. The friendships I've formed here have truly enriched my experience, making learning even more enjoyable. I am incredibly grateful to Director Dan and the entire team at Friendship House for creating such an inclusive space where we can grow both personally and with our language skills. Thank you for all you do!

Feyza Betul Bulduk, Turkey



From the very first moment I entered Friendship House, I felt like part of the community. The warm welcome from Dan and the international students makes you feel in a cozy place. As an international student, FSH provided a safe space to learn English and connect with people from different cultures and languages. But beyond that, Friendship House introduced me to American culture in the most welcoming way, not only through English classes but also through the dedication of the teachers, who later became friends. I don't have words to express my gratitude, as someone who arrived without knowing the language, they taught me the importance of understanding and embracing other languages and cultures.

I was also lucky to work as an assistant to the director, Dan, whose dedication to planning classes, field trips, barbecues, tailgates, and other activities made my stay in the U.S. unforgettable. I admire Dan both as a person and a professional. His life story is inspiring! The commitment of the teachers to offering classes is also admirable, they made me a better person through their kindness and knowledge. Even though I'm now outside the country, I still feel connected to this wonderful community. I hope to give back to Friendship House someday, as it has given me so much. I've gained amazing friends and beautiful memories that fill me with joy whenever I look at the photos. I share this testimonial with all my heart, in gratitude for the lasting impact Friendship House has had on my life.

Estefania Grignon, Peru



I have been attending Friendship House since the end of the summer semester and this place is truly special. I have been in the United States for about four months, and since I came from Korea, which is completely different, I found myself without friends or a job, and I faced many lonely and dull days.

The friends I meet here come from different countries, yet we all share similar feelings about living abroad. Through these shared experiences, we grow closer and understand each other better, fostering a sense of camaraderie in this place.

Friendship House is where I can meet for lessons, memories, and friends all at once. I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to attend here, and I am truly blessed.

Hyeonjin Sung, South Korea



2024 Volunteer Testimonies



I am in my second year of teaching level 1 English through Friendship House. It has been pure joy to see the enthusiasm and dedication of the students which are asked to attend 4 days a week from 9-11:30.

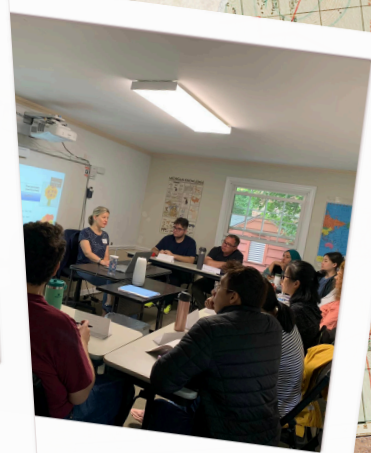
It is not long into the term that they begin to feel more comfortable and confident in using their English skills. I love to give them a task in which they have to "interview" another class member about a given topic and then report out. It is so delightful to hear them speaking English to each other, since English is most likely the only language they have in common. We have become a family as learners.

Lynn Bishop, Level 1, Teacher of English



A couple of years ago when I met my conversation partner, she quickly went from being an acquaintance to being a dear friend. We both acknowledged that God brought us together for a reason. I really enjoyed getting to know her, her husband, and her little boy. She's back home in Colombia now, but we continue to keep in touch!

Jen Garmon, English Speaking Conversation Partner



*To read a complete list of testimonials, please visit our website: <https://friendshiphousemsu.global/>

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- **Pray for us:** Our international students, teachers, volunteers, and especially our biblical study leaders need your prayers.
- **Donate:** Your financial support allows us to continue and grow our ministry. Donate online at www.friendshiphousemsu.global using the "donation" button or use the enclosed envelope.
- **Get Involved:** Our teachers and conversation partners are volunteers! If you're interested in these opportunities, contact Dan for more information.



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