

# Everyday Ministry Support

## Friendship House MSU

Friendship House MSU was founded in 1992 to help Michigan State's growing number of international students and scholars navigate language and life in the United States.



### ‘They will know we are Christians by our Love’

“Love one another. As I have loved you....” For almost 30 years, Friendship House MSU’s guiding principle has been this directive to us from Jesus from the Gospel of John.

In my brief tenure as Executive Director, I have witnessed this love for others through our students (of stated faith or not), board, teachers, staff, and critically — our donors.

This generosity has led to the majority of the work done here being done through spirit-led volunteerism. To keep our lights on, and much else, we have an annual operating budget of just over \$100,000. This budget includes only two part-time paid positions, myself and an executive assistant.

Please prayerfully consider using your spiritual gifts to be one of our teachers or conversation partners, and/or if you are financially blessed, to support our ministry with a recurring or one-time financial gift to be a part of our mission to love others — as Jesus loves us!

Dan

Friendship House MSU Executive Director

## How we serve



**Bible Studies:** We have numerous teachers well-equipped to share God's message, while assisting our international community in their English proficiency.

**English as Second Language (ESL):** We offer classes in a variety of different formats, from current events to preparation for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

**Conversation Partners/Small Groups:** We connect English speakers with our international members for more personal conversations to assist with English and navigating life here in the U.S. — and beyond.

**Sewing and Cooking Classes:** We also offer recreational classes to build community across cultural lines.

**Social Events:** Often hosted by member churches or connected with local sites (e.g., Potter Park Zoo), the Friendship House MSU's calendar is often full of events that bring internationals and U.S. residents together.

**Virtual Global Connections:** We learned during the pandemic that internationals, from here and around the world, both alumni and new students, are making use of our virtual classes and social gathering. We will continue being virtual to support our global community.



# How to Support Our Daily Ministry

You can take steps now to make a difference to the Friendship House MSU International Community:

- **Prayers:** Include our ministry in your daily prayer life.
- **Share our Mission with Others:**
  - With members of your faith community.
  - With family, friends, co-workers — who knows whose spirit might be sparked for service?
- **Volunteer:**
  - Teach a class.
  - Become a conversation partner.
  - Be a classroom host.
  - Groups: Host a dinner.
- **Financial Support:**
  - Make an annual gift.
  - Set up regular, repeating financial donations based on your personal budget and desired giving pattern.
  - If available, designate the Friendship House MSU in your IRA disbursement.
  - Memorial gift in memory of a loved one.

## Budget Breakdown:

Revenue stream in 2020:

- Church support: 23%
- Individual support: 55%
- Grants\*/Other: 22%

\* Received a one-time grant in 2020 for \$20,000 to skew this percentage higher than average year.

Expenses:

- Salaries: 64%
- Operating expenses: 36%



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