



33 YEARS OF SERVING INTERNATIONALS

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE MSU

Maybe it's a sign that I am getting older but 2025 has just flown by – I think this is a result of so much wonderful activity and love that occurs each day here at the Friendship House!

Here are just a few pictures, highlights, and testimonials from this past year:

- Registration of over 140 people for the fall semester, between our traditional and intensive ESL programs with new students arriving weekly;
- Diverse ESL classes that continue to include sewing, cooking, photography, and community building activities;
- Continued contact with our remote students from Türkiye, Iran, China, Denmark, Austria, South Korea, and other countries via Zoom;
- Numerous field trips to places like Frankenmuth, Henry Ford Museum, local farms, and MSU sports events.

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



2025

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MSU Volleyball Game



Book Club



Dining Room Gathering



Potluck



Meijer Garden Field Trip



Apple Picking



Spouse Connection Group



Photography Class



Sewing Class



Birthday Celebration



Conversation Partner Meeting



Cooking



ESL



WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY:



When I first arrived in the US, I felt isolated and disconnected from American life, spending most of my time at home with my family. The Friendship House has been a true highlight in my life, offering a welcoming and supportive community where I've learned, formed lasting friendships, and truly felt at home.



Gianluca Carezza, Italy

Friendship House helped me improve my English, learn about American culture, and meet people from around the world. It's a fun, welcoming hub for global friendship. Thanks a lot!



Aagii, Mongolia

When I first came to the U.S., I thought I'd lost my home and family, but Friendship House and Dan showed me life still holds warm surprises.



Sara Gilani, Iran

Friendship House feels like my second home. The smiles and stories we share are the light that brightens my days.



Yi Sun, China

Friendship House has helped me study, learn about local culture, and make friends. It's a kind, welcoming place that makes me feel happy and supported. I recommend it to all my friends. Thank you very much!



Kanat Turebayev, Kazakhstan

The Friendship House is a place to improve your English language skills, but it's much more than that: a place to feel very welcome and to make international friends.



Leticia Welser, Brazil

When I first arrived in Lansing, I thought nothing would be easy. Later, I made many generous, sincere friends. I still can't forget those moments. Now, our friendship continues digitally across continents.



Gorkem Gokce, Turkiye

This community helps me meet people from many countries, learn English from great teachers, and gain new skills to adapt in the U.S.



Avery Wi, South Korea



OUR TEACHERS SHARE:



I am one of the volunteer teachers at the Friendship House. I thank God for Friendship House and all of the people who work to make it happen. I feel love when I am at the Friendship House – from both students and staff. I think that all who come regularly share that love. I am also thankful for the encouragement I receive from the staff and the students. I feel much appreciation for those who donate to keep the doors open.

Jo Brown, Volunteer Teacher



Friendship House is such a fun place to volunteer! My role has been as an English and writing teacher, but ultimately, I am learning, too. When we write together and share our writing, we find common ground quickly and have the opportunity to hear about so many experiences that are different from our own. I have truly enjoyed meeting new friends from all over the world, for instance, the couple from China who came out to watch my son's baseball team play a game over the summer!

Jen Garmon, Volunteer Teacher



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- **Pray for us:** Our international students, teachers, volunteers, and especially our biblical study leaders need your prayers.
- **Get Involved:** Our teachers and conversation partners are volunteers! If you're interested in these opportunities, contact Dan for more information.
- **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.

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