INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

ASU is home for about 9,000 international students. Many of these students will return to their home countries after graduation. Our proximity to ASU gives us a unique opportunity to love these students.

If you want to get more involved, here are the folks that you can reach out to: Charles Boyle: cboyle@isionline.org // Tracey Boyle: tboyle@isionline.org Jessey Warren: jessey.sebastian@bridgesinternational.com

WAYS TO SERVE:

KID-FREE

PROVIDE FOOD FOR HOME GROUPS:

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PROVIDE TEMPORARY HOUSING

We have new international students arrive in August & January that need a temporary place to live while their dorm or apartment is made available. They usually stay for a couple of nights, but the relationships formed can last a lifetime. Contact Tracey or Charles Boyle.

ATTEND WEEKLY FRIDAY MEETINGS

This is for volunteers who are looking to become involved on a regular basis. Make friendships to invest in outside of the meeting. This is the easiest first step with Bridges: it gives both volunteers & staff a chance to get to know each other and to see if Bridges would be a good fit for them. Email Jessey Warren.

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FRIENDSHIP PARTNER

Become a Friendship Partner to a Student. This simply means being available to answer questions and periodically getting together to navigate cultural issues that might arise. For more info contact anyone on the list above.

HOST A STUDENT FOR THANKSGIVING

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KIDS OVER 5

FURNITURE PICKUP AND DELIVERY

Help with furniture pickup and delivery. At the beginning of the semesters, these students need help settling into life on campus. This is a great way to tangibly help & get to know some of our international neighbors.

OUTREACH & ESL GROUPS

Cross-cultural training volunteers are needed to befriend international students during events & activities to begin cross-cultural relationships that enable you to learn more about their culture & share about your culture. Contact Tracey or Charles for more info.

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