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GLOBAL EXPRESSIONS

THE HOSPITALITY PROGRAM OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR INSTITUTE (ISSI) AT NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

INFORMATION FOR HOST PARTICIPANTS

It is our pleasure to introduce you to Northeastern University's *Global Expressions*, our Hospitality Program for international students and scholars. *Global Expressions*, sponsored by the International Student and Scholar Institute (ISSI), matches Northeastern University faculty, staff, students, and alumni with international students and scholars in non live-in situations to explore experiences of mutual interest. The ISSI invites you to become a Northeastern University *Global Expressions* host participant.

Like many hospitality programs in U.S. colleges and universities, the ISSI matches interested "hosts" with international students or scholars while seeking to foster interaction within a friendly and comfortable setting. Although a good match is an important part of our mission, it is only the beginning. Our level of commitment and our mission are deeply rooted in the spirit of intercultural understanding and are a part of a global vision. It is our goal to cultivate relationships, not only between host and student or scholar, but also among all participants. Hopefully, this program will provide plentiful opportunities for life-long friendships, bringing together people of diverse backgrounds for rewarding experiences to all of those involved.

Global Expressions Thanksgiving 1994 was the pilot event for this continuing initiative. Since then, friendly conversations of hosts provided a comfortable environment in which students and scholars learned about the cultural traditions in the United States. The exchange was mutual: hosts also had the opportunity to share personal experiences and learn more about their students' or scholars' culture. The success of this program is our impetus to launch *Global Expressions* for the 2008/2009 academic year. The ISSI will once again endeavor to match international students and scholars with hosts during the beginning of each quarter and at special holiday observances throughout the year. Hosts who have participated in *Global Expressions* since its inception have gained much insight into the culture and traditions of other countries while sharing their own background and heritage. We encourage you to actively participate in this wonderful opportunity to broaden your horizons and make a lasting and meaningful impression upon the life of an international student or scholar.

In order to make this a rewarding experience for everyone, we are looking for people who are open-minded, patient, flexible, understanding of differences, and able to relate their own experiences to those of others. We also welcome individuals who have never participated in a hospitality program as hosts, but who are interested in doing so. The ISSI will offer guidelines and suggestions as needed. For an application form or for more information, contact an ISSI staff member or an Intercultural Programmer at the listed telephone number or visit the ISSI at 405 Ell Hall.

Global Expressions is not affiliated with any other hospitality program.