

How can you help?

Host a Pair of Teens

By opening your home this summer for two weeks, you can promote peace to a pair of teenagers who live in countries divided by conflict. Through your hospitality, you provide a sanctuary where teenagers can reconcile differences and develop lifelong friendships, trust and mutual respect for former enemies, thereby providing hope for their country's future.

CFP teens and their hosts also develop close relationships. The hosts become a "second family" to their teens and aid in their development as future leaders and peacebuilders. Whether you have an empty nest, a young, active family, or teens of your own, it will be an unforgettable experience for you and life changing for your pair of teens.

Qualified hosts can provide:

- ❖ A demonstrated commitment to making a difference in the world for peace
- ❖ A safe, neutral home for the teens to build a friendship
- ❖ A bedroom for the pair to share alone
- ❖ Daylong adult supervision
- ❖ A willingness to continue the relationship with their teens

Do you qualify?

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Cyprus Friendship Program

The Cyprus Friendship Program is a two year peacebuilding and leadership training program for Cypriot teens. Working with Greek-speaking and Turkish-speaking Cypriot CFP Coordinators, CFP offers a camp in Cyprus for the first year, where the teens begin the process of reconciliation and learn conflict management techniques and team building. In the second year, teens are selected for the U.S. program, which begins with all teens attending a U.S. camp, followed by home stays with American families. The curriculum includes advanced conflict resolution training, instruction in effective communication and other skills. Opportunities for participation in community service and environmental awareness projects expose the teens to the benefits of working together to solve problems that affect both sides of a conflict. Since the program began in 2009, CFP has graduated almost 1,000 teens and is responsible for thousands of friendships among the teens, their families and their friends.

is a volunteer, grass roots organization whose mission is to promote and strengthen friendships between teens from divided communities and to extend those friendships to their families and friends. The friendships are developed through home stays with American families. Each family hosts two teens – one from each side of a conflict. The teen pair share a bedroom and learn about each other, understanding their different perspectives and realizing that friendships can develop despite significant political and cultural differences. With friendship, an atmosphere is created that allows for mutual respect and understanding – a key ingredient for peace.

CFP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in the United States. Our volunteers were active in Northern Ireland from 1987 until 2007, hosting 2,000 teens. We have been active in Cyprus since 2009 and Israel/Palestine since 2018. By bringing teens together from all the conflict areas in which CFP is active, we provide opportunities for dialogue and learning from each other.



Jerusalem Friendship Program

In Israel/Palestine, CFP partners with Jerusalem Peacebuilders (JPB) to provide home stays for the teens JPB brings to their US camps. CFP home stays offer the teens the time and environment to develop long-lasting friendships and to interact with the Cypriot teens.

Through CFP Coordinators in Israel/Palestine, CFP works with JPB to create opportunities for the parents and friends to meet and develop their own relationships.

CFP's goal
to build friendships,
mutual respect
and understanding to promote peace

- Teenagers age 15-18 are paired, one from each side of a conflict
- The teens form friendships, meeting each others' families and friends, and developing broader perspectives on the conflicts faced by their homelands. Their cross partition friendships usually extend to their families and friends.
- The teens develop peacebuilding and leadership skills to use now and throughout their lives.



Two pairs of CFP teens with Elders Jimmy Carter, Desmond Tutu, and Lahkdar Brahimi during their December 2009 visit to Cyprus to promote peace. They are featured together in the documentary *Cyprus: Digging the Past in Search of the Future*. In the 2011 film, Tutu describes these young people:

"They have grown to accept one another in a way that seems to be an image of what in fact is possible in this country."



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