

**From a Taiwanese male Business major student
matched with a Houston family and daughter:**

Thank you for today's everything. It's the happiest day I have ever experienced since I came to America. I had never dreamed I would do these things with anyone else in Houston. Your show-up gives me another chance to experience the life here. I really appreciate that. Everything is perfect today, especially the baseball game, along with Starbucks, and shopping at the Galleria. Anything could happen, just like I meet you today. I am so lucky to meet you. I hope you enjoy the day, too. I also look forward to meeting you next time.

**Moldova female student, Advertising major,
matched with a Houston couple with two pre-schoolers:**

I like my family! It's a perfect match. Thank you so very much for your support—having this family means a lot to me!

**From a Chinese visiting male oil company scholar,
matched with a Houston area empty-nester couple:**

The experience in Houston is very impressive for us, and the friendship families are so kind, generous, so friendly that we will appreciate forever! The facts told us Americans are friendly. The friendship between USA and China will long live!

Romanian female student, Construction Management major, matched with a single female:

At the international student orientation 3 years ago I found out about the international friendship program and I decided to give it a shot. Since then, I have been very good friend with my Friendship Program contact. She is an amazing person that I look up to. We try to meet every 2-3 months for dinner or breakfast and catch up, even though I graduated. She is a dear friend that I keep close to my heart. I would like to thank you for putting together this program! It really makes a difference in the life of an international student.

**From an Iranian male
matched with a Houston family with three pre-school kids:**

Our Houston family is great and we will be their friends forever; we are very happy that we have been matched with this family. Our first thanksgiving holiday in the U.S. was a wonderful day and it was all because of them. We like being with them, being with their children, and their food very much.

**From a Chinese female Biomedical Engineering student,
matched with a Houston empty-nester couple:**

I really appreciate being matched with my couple. We have lunch together most week-ends and do some grocery shopping. My husband arrived in Houston and we all went to a museum and watched a 3D IMAX film; they teach my husband English each Wednesday. We always have a great time with this family. I'm so lucky to get to know them.

**From a Houston family with two middle-school kids
matched with a young Chinese Economics major couple and son:**

We still have our second UH Chinese family; they are planning on introducing us to another Chinese UH couple this Saturday. Honestly, I can't keep up:). We are on a crazy cycle where our old students hand us off to new students when the old ones start to leave. I am not complaining, it's fun! Who knew when we saw your ad in our newsletter that we would make friends all over the world? We have had such an amazing time getting to know all of them. It has been a blessing!

**From parents in India, to the Houston empty-nester couple
who was matched with their Computer Science major son in the Friendship Program:**

We would like to thank you for being there for our son and making him a part of your beautiful family. Rest assured, we know for sure that he will not be unnoticed and alone in your part of the world. We know that he will continue to develop as a gentleman under your guidance, love, and care. Do love to meet you all and have you in India. You are welcome anytime. Once again, thank you for all you have been doing for our son.