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I know you are very well connected to the Arcadia community within and outside of the school and care about kids so I am asking for your help to see if you or any family you know would be open to hosting this boy from France who is in need of a family so he might continue to attend Arcadia High School. The J-1 Visa student is the true "exchange student" visa meant to demonstrate the hospitality and good-will of Americans as part of our country's diplomacy initiative. It would also be a great opportunity for practicing French and an amazing opportunity for a family to have a "welcoming family" in France should either they or their child want to visit France sometime in the future. He is athletic, very outgoing, fun-loving, and an enjoyable young man. Here is a description of him:

Benoit is a 15 year old boy from France that will be in the 10th grade while here. He has a variety of interests but his most favorite is robotics and mechanics. He has an engine in his room and plays with drones and figures out home automations because this is a career he wants. He also likes to do archery, handball, and video games. He also loves skiing at Christmas time. He enjoys travelling and has been to many unique places. He is fond of super-hero movies and science fiction like "Arrow" and "Flash" or "Maze Runner". He is regarded as kind, easy-going and sociable. He loves his time with his family, laughing and talking together. He lives with his parents and two older brothers. His father is a pilot with Air France and his mother a speech therapist. His home is historical and has gardens with a trampoline, basketball hoop, slide and football area as well as they have cats and dogs. He has gone with his father on Saturdays to the shooting gallery as well to develop skill and drives a moped. He is of the Christian faith and goes every now and then.

A **Host Family** volunteers to provide a bed, meals and transportation to activities while including them like a member of your own family becoming their "home away from home." A host family can be with kids or no kids, single or empty-nesters that have the space and interest in mentoring another young person. They come prepared to cover the costs of their own school-related fees, toiletries, clothing, entertainment such as going with the family to a movie, concert, museum or even on a trip. They have full medical insurance too. They are eager to experience a true American family's way of life while sharing aspects of their culture such as the food, language, holidays and ways of life. If you or someone you know is interested in helping this young person please call Leslie Piantedosi at [480/593-0120](tel:4805930120) or email with inquiries to lpianti@yahoo.com.