

OPEN YOUR HEART TO A CHILD

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Are you looking for a way to turn your faith into action? Share a **week or two** of your summer with a child and reap the rich rewards of adventure and new-found friendship. As a host

family with The Fresh Air Fund, you will help a child experience the freedom of playing outdoors and the simple pleasures of life in your community.

By hosting a Fresh Air Fund child, you are answering a call made back in 1877 when Reverend Willard Parsons asked the families of his congregation to give children living in New York City tenements a brief respite. This tradition of caring continues today through The Fresh Air Fund's Friendly Town Program.

Every summer, thousands of children visit volunteer host families in rural and suburban communities. Fresh Air children on first-time

visits are six to 12 years old. (Hosts may request the age and gender of their Fresh Air Fund visitor). Many families enjoy their young guest so much that they invite their Fresh Air child to return year after year. There are no financial requirements for hosting a child, just a warm heart and home.

The gifts of hosting are mutual. "My host family taught me to be patient, accept other people, and try new things, even when I was afraid of them," said one Fresh Air child. "Our Fresh Air child makes our family appreciate running barefoot through the grass and looking at the stars, things we take for granted," a Fresh Air host explained.



If you are interested in becoming a volunteer host family, please call your local Fresh Air Fund Representative, **Richard and Susan Nydegger, Sr. at 728-7922.**

You can also visit the Web site at www.freshair.org.



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