

Are There Other Ways to Participate?

Not everyone has the space, time, or inclination to be a Host or an Ambassador, but day hosting, driving, giving a small dinner party, or attending local events are rewarding activities.

What Does it Cost to Participate in a Journey?

The cost to travel as an Ambassador varies based on the location. Because each Journey includes a homestay, the cost for a Journey is much less than traveling with a tour company.

FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF GREATER HARRISBURG PENNSYLVANIA

The Greater Harrisburg Club was **founded in 1983** and is currently the only FF club in Pennsylvania. Each year we usually host one international club and travel to one international location. Our club has **about 80 members** and is led by a Board of Directors who make decisions related to Journeys, activities, and events based on member interest. An e-newsletter announces these decisions to our members. Activities include social events, group gatherings for meals, and annual membership meetings. Members pay a nominal, annual membership fee.

Our Club has **participated in over 100 Journeys**. Ambassadors have visited five continents, enjoying homestays and cultural experiences in **more than 60 countries**. We have hosted clubs from **30 countries**. Many members have attended festivals and international conferences sponsored by FF International. You can be part of the FF experience by traveling on a Journey to another club or by participating in some capacity when our Club hosts another club.

Membership Inquiries

Please complete this form and mail to the address below so that the Membership Chair can contact you about becoming a member of FF Greater Harrisburg. (PLEASE PRINT)

First & Last Name:

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WHAT IS FRIENDSHIP FORCE?

Friendship Force (FF) is a non-profit, cultural immersion organization whose mission is to promote peace and goodwill by bringing people together through informational Journeys. Through such programs, FF sows the seeds of friendship across the physical and cultural barriers that divide us. Starting as a governor's initiative under Jimmy Carter in 1977, there are now **almost 300 clubs** chartered through FF International on **five continents** whose members are committed to making friends, both at home and abroad.

EXPLORE | All FF Journeys begin with the curiosity and the desire to know more. Seeing a culture up close, through the eyes of local residents, takes you straight to the heart of a country or region and its people.

UNDERSTAND | Cultural differences can bring people together! Traveling or hosting with FF gets you off the tourist track and into the lives of real people in different settings. If you are not able to travel, you can participate as a home, day, or dinner host. However you take part in club activities, you will gain friendships at home and abroad that can last a lifetime.

SERVE | Participation in FF is unique because once you travel to another country or region, you will never see its people the same way again. Time spent together in conversation and sharing cultures and local customs creates new opinions and opens your heart and mind. FF also sponsors educational projects that allow you to have an even more rewarding cultural experience.

A WORLD OF FRIENDS IS A WORLD OF PEACE.

Is Friendship Force a Travel/Tourist Organization?

No. FF members are Citizen Ambassadors who cover great distances to experience a new culture, meet local people, and see places of interest during a Journey.

What Exactly is a Journey?

A Journey is time spent in intercultural learning and sharing. Ambassadors typically travel together to and from an assigned host country or region and spend evenings in the homes of FF hosts. In the daytime there is a planned itinerary to visit sites important to the country or region. Friendships formed over the course of a Journey are the beginning of long-term relationships. Both Host and Ambassador feel that they gain knowledge and have new respect for the other's country or region and its people.

A club may be assigned or may choose to arrange a domestic Journey with another club in their region or country in order to share ideas and to get to know other members. Domestic Journeys have proven to be just as rewarding as international Journeys.

Can Anyone be an Ambassador or Host?

Membership in FF is required to be an Ambassador. A FF Ambassador needs to be flexible, have compassion for people, a positive attitude, a good sense of humor, an adventurous spirit, and reasonably good physical stamina. Applicants are interviewed to ensure they meet these criteria. Whether one travels as an Ambassador or opens their home as a Host, the results are usually the same. You find you have more in common with people from other parts of the world than you have differences. Within a short time you truly make new friends.