

## Homestay Student Testimonials

*«My host mum has been absolutely amazing. She is one of the biggest highlights of this life-changing program. I could not be happier with her. I sincerely thank the homestay coordinator for helping me find the best homestay family for me. My experience has been more than excellent.»*

*«My homestay was awesome! My hosts were always helpful and kind. My host mum was patient with me and my German. And her daughter was sweet and fun to hang out with. The room that they provided was good and had everything that I could have needed.»*

*«My hosts were extremely gracious and immersed me very easily into their family and their daily lives. I enjoyed my time in Berlin so much due to the homestay I was in. My host mum helped me improve my German during the four months and I was very pleased with my interaction with them.»*

*«I have to say my experience with my host mum was really great. She and I had some excellent conversations and she cooked me some fabulous meals. With her as my host, I truly felt at home in Berlin. What I enjoyed most about my homestay was the perfect blend of independence while at the same time feeling comfortable to go to my host about any issues or for any help. The accommodations in her apartment were great for me as I had my own room, which was quite large, and the fridge was always packed with food. She included me in as many things as possible, as far as taking me to see an orchestra at the Philharmonie. The one thing I would say I wish I had in my homestay was more people. It was great to have my host mum, but it would have been nice to have more of a family. I think this would have helped to improve my German more because I could listen to it spoken more in conversation. This fault is more my own than anyone else's, mostly because I said I was fine with having a single person for a host on my application.»*

*«Thank you so much for the great work you've done with the homestay program! All of my friends who chose the homestay option loved their families and we all agreed it was a great choice that we made. My own homestay experience has been absolutely wonderful and I thank the homestay coordinator for pairing me up with the perfect homestay family.»*

*«I had the absolute best time and experience. My family has been nothing but extremely hospitable and kind. I couldn't have asked to be placed in a better home.»*

*«The homestay coordinator did a marvelous job matching me up with my host family. I really enjoyed my time with them and they were generous and welcoming towards me. We got along splendidly and their home was very close to campus which was also a plus.»*

*«My host mum has taken a strong interest in improving my German skills and helped me for extensive amounts of time per day. She was a great cook, very easy to live with, and brought me to many events with her friends including her choir (made up of German & Refugees) as well as other music, dance, and art events. It has strongly enhanced my cultural experience here in Berlin. She also gave me the best room in the flat with an adorable balcony overlooking the park across the street. Plus, the location in vibrant Neukölln has allowed me to have many experiences my peers perhaps were not as easily able to do in Zehlendorf or elsewhere. I took full advantage of being able to easily bike to nearby attractions & historical sites. My host was gracious enough to take me to her countryside house in Dannenberg, Germany and we attended the Kulturelle Landespartie; it was an amazing experience to see traditional farmers and eclectic young people coming together to make art, performances, food, etc. It was awesome having an extended experience outside of Berlin in which I was able to practice German & see another area of Germany I would have not otherwise traveled to myself.»*