

Hello, everybody! I am forwarding this request from OCEAN because they are looking for veg host families. Please reply directly to Laura.

Many thanks for your consideration.

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My name is **Laura Stahl**, and I am the **Special Services Director for OCEAN (Organization for Cultural Exchange Among Nations)**, which is a non-profit organization that sponsors foreign exchange students, ages 14-18, and places them in volunteer host families and high schools throughout the U.S. for a semester or academic year.

We are currently **seeking volunteer host families for two girls, one from Ecuador and one from France who are vegetarians**. Might you know of any families in your community that would be interested in welcoming one of these students into their home for the 2018/2019 school year? Below is additional information:

Student's Name: RAFAELA

Age: 17

Home Country: ECUADOR

Grade of Enrollment: 11th

Interests: Air dance, writing poems & essays, reading, cooking vegetarian meals, hiking.

Excerpt from the student's letter: *"I am a very positive person, who always sees the bright side of circumstances. Since I was little I have loved sports and nature. I have been in three summer camps and I used to ride horses. Nature, creativity, sports and lovely people are really present in my life. I am vegetarian*

because I feel a deep love for animals and nature. I think it has a magnificent power that can be perceived in beautiful landscapes. I live surrounded by nature and this causes me a peaceful sensation. Everyone has a hobby, mine is air dance. I discovered this activity six months ago and it was a blessing to me, it makes me really happy, it is my passion too. I practice this kind of dance three times a week in the afternoon. I try to keep myself busy because I think this teaches me to organize my time effectively. I like to have a good lifestyle, I don't like to eat bad or not doing sport. Exercise has helped me a lot grow. I am an energetic person who is always doing productive activities. Creativity is a part of me. I like to write poems and essays both are pretty different, still writing is such a beautiful way to express."

Student's Name: CLARA

Age: 17

Home Country: FRANCE

Grade of Enrollment: 12th

Interests: Fitness, drawing, painting, playing the guitar.

Excerpt from the student's letter: *"I have a lot of hobbies actually, like doing sports in my fitness club. I go there as much as possible because I'm very dynamic and I want to enjoy life. I also like being with my pets, they comfort me a lot. I love animals so much that I became a vegetarian 2 years ago, and I'm very proud of that. I particularly love dogs and cats. The beach and the sea are for me the most beautiful things that exist on earth. Overall, I like nature, sun, flower and so many more things. My favorite season is definitely summer! I love hot weather. I like to be in the beach with my friends, who are very amazing, and playing the little of what I know in guitar. My second favorite place is forest, I feel safe there. I am very attached to people, for me, meet new people is very interesting and I hope this trip will open me to new horizon. I believe that this trip will give me another perspective of life and give me even more maturity and independence. I would like to share you my culture and make you discover the most amazing things in France as you will make me discover America."*

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at LStahl@ocean-intl.org or call me at **1-888-996-2326, Ext. 5**. You may also wish to visit our website at: www.ocean-intl.org.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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