



YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING
Intercultural Exchange Programs

IS Thank You Tips

Purpose: To encourage current IS students to say “Thank you” to those who made a difference during their exchange year.

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Instructions: This template is intended for distribution to current IS students as a means to give back to their community prior to departure.

ACTION ITEM: EMAIL

Dear Students,

It seems like just yesterday your family met you at the airport. I hope that you have had a great program year and that you stay in touch with your host family and friends for years to come!

Think about who made a difference in your life this year: your host parents, host sibling, your Area Representative, a neighbor, a teacher, a coach, a friend...

How have you thanked them?

Here are some ways to say thank you:

- Hand written card (in English and your native language)
- Make them dinner and tell them your favorite memory with them this year
- Make a photo collage of activities and holidays with classmates or teammates
- Tell your story and give thanks to your community in a school paper article, a religious newsletter, or to the local tv stations and newspapers.

You can thank YFU by posting the attached flyer at your public library, grocery store, coffee shop, community center, school, or any public bulletin board.

Saying thank you helps to leave a positive legacy. Pay it forward for future exchange students who will live in your American community this August.

Thank you for being a YFU Ambassador. Keep in touch and have a safe trip home!

Best Wishes!

ACTION ITEM: SUPPLEMENTALS

Remember to attach the hosting flyer to the email.