

As part of a special promotion this year for the USA and Canada we would like to acquaint you with our Local Organisers to give you a more personal understanding of our operation in North America. So here they are:

Jennifer has been teaching our students in New York for more than ten years and just over a year ago graduated to becoming our Local Organiser there. She has brought considerable dynamism and experience to the job. She is married to David and has a daughter of 13 and a son of 10. She lives on Long Island, where many of her teacher families also live.

Past examples of activities students have enjoyed with various teacher families include: discounted Broadway tickets (often in the front row!), live jazz sessions, gospel music and typical big American barbecues. Jennifer says of New York: 'Staying here offers students a rare, inside look at the people of one of the most exciting cities in the world.'



Jennifer, New York

Liz and Gary, Vancouver



Liz and Gary have been our Local Organisers for the Vancouver area for the past ten years. Liz is an experienced ESL instructor, having taught in the UK, Southern Africa and Asia as well as in Canada. She has taught a number of our students over the years, in addition to acting as our Local Organiser with Gary.

The teacher families receiving our students in Vancouver and on Vancouver Island are all experienced at hosting, teaching and showing our students around the local area. Vancouver is a vibrant, cosmopolitan city with magnificent scenery, while students who stay on Vancouver Island have the beautiful provincial capital of Victoria nearby. Liz and Gary say: 'Our area has the mildest climate and best summers in all of Canada.'

For thirteen years Mort has enjoyed hosting and teaching our students and combining this with being our Local Organiser for the San Francisco Bay Area. He lives in Berkeley with his wife, Yuko, and twenty one year old son, a university student. Mort has academic degrees in English and French and has also taught literature and writing courses at university level.

Mort's host teachers are highly educated and have considerable ESL experience. Their interests include art, music, cinema, gardening, nature and sports. Their homes are comfortable and located near public transportation, restaurants and cultural centres. Mort says: 'All my families are happy to include their students in family activities and accompany them on tours of the Bay Area.'



Mort, San Francisco

Vivian, Toronto



Vivian has been our Local Organiser for Toronto since the late 1980's. She has had many years of experience matching students to host teacher families and her success is fully illustrated by the high levels of student satisfaction. She has university degrees in both Education and Arts, with post graduate studies and certification in the field of English as a Second Language.

Vivian has a range of well educated, experienced host teachers who are very hospitable. Many host teachers have been with her for over a decade. Toronto has many attractions for our students: music, art, sport, museums, fine international dining, shopping or the beauty of nature. Vivian says: 'Toronto has it all. And don't forget, it's an easy day trip to the breathtaking Niagra Falls.'

Roberta has been our Local Organiser for the past twenty years. She lives outside Boston with her husband and son. Roberta has many teacher families within thirty miles of Boston, many of whom have received our students for over ten years. Roberta has a masters degree in social work and has a passion for travelling, cooking and meeting new people.

Boston is a city of six million people and is a popular destination for many reasons. There are world class museums, theatres, concert halls and restaurants, not to mention five major professional sports teams. Also, thousands of university students make up a large and vibrant portion of the population. Roberta concludes: 'Boston has something for everyone!'



Roberta, Boston