

# Council of International Programs – Summer Update

June 30, 2010

Dear Friend of CIP,

I hope you are well and enjoying the fine summer weather we are gifted with these days! I would like to update you on CIP happenings and a wonderful success story!

## Success Story from Russia!

Last summer, some of you hosted ten Russian professionals involved in child welfare work in the Eastern part of Russia. Among many things demonstrated to the visiting group was how our government and private not-for-profit organizations collaborate in the area of child protection and family welfare. While doing that, I often thought the strongly controlled system prevalent in Russia would not allow such collaboration. I am very happy, I was wrong!

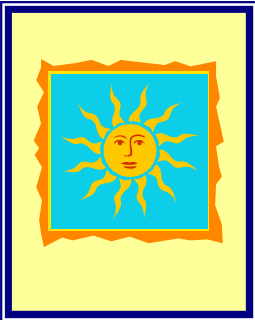
The agency that funded that program sent us a success story of Leila Shirmina. Among the skills she definitely acquired on her visit to Chicago was fund-raising! Leila raised \$316,666 to launch a project to help children and families of alcoholics! I invite all of you who hosted Leila and her team in your houses, at your agency, or helped in any way celebrate the success and share the joy!



Leila Shirmina

## Exciting Summer!

*CIP will have the following participants joining us this summer!*

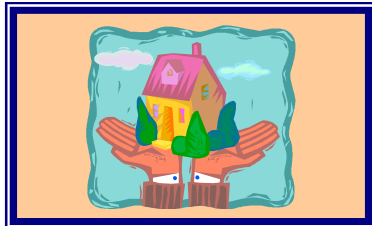


- Ten-member group of bank officers from Uzbekistan – Aug 11-Sep 1 (3 weeks)
- Female Editor and Publisher from China: Aug 1-Sep 30 (2 months) – *Needs Placement!*
- Female Social Worker from Germany: Aug-Nov (4 months)
- Female Social Worker from Germany: Sep-Dec (4 months)
- Two Male Special Education Professionals from China: Sep-Jun 2011 (10 months)
- Ten-member business educators from Belarus: Oct 13-Nov 3 (3 weeks)
- Female Social Worker from Greece: Sep-Feb 2011 (5 months)
- Female Fund-raiser from Germany: Jan-Apr 2011 (4 months)
- Female Community Organizer from Nepal: Jan-Dec 2011 (12 months) – *Needs Placement!*

## Host Families Needed!

*Your assistance would be a great help!*

CIP very much needs host families to host one of the above professionals for 3-4 weeks. Perhaps you and/or your friends, relatives, neighbors, and/or colleagues have an extra private bedroom available to host one of our guests!

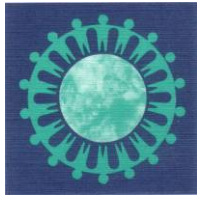


It is a pleasure bringing you up-to-date news regarding CIP! Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions. Again, if you or a friend/neighbor/colleague is available to host a CIP participant, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

*Wishing You a Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>!*

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*PS: Please consider sending the following message/invitation to your friends:*



## Host Family Opportunity

*Experience the joy of hosting a CIP participant!*

*To all of you with a private bedroom, some real curiosity, and genuine excitement to experience a cross-cultural exchange with others from around the world...*

The Council of International Programs Chicago ([www.cipchicago.org](http://www.cipchicago.org)) promotes international understanding and cultural exchange through two types of programs:

- a) short-term training sponsored by USAID that lasts one to three weeks
- b) work-based training that lasts four to eighteen months

All participants are carefully screened and interviewed before they are selected by either USAID, embassy staff, or CIP representatives. The Host-family residence (usually no longer than one month,) is a very important component of the program. The month and more (at other families) allows the participant an opportunity to learn so much: American life and culture, the public transport system, our education systems, places of worship, customs and holidays, etc.

A CIP Host Family provides a private bedroom, some meals and, most importantly, friendship and cultural insights. In return, CIP participants share their culture, community, language, etc. of another region of the world. This becomes a truly enriching experience for the host as well as the participant. By welcoming international professionals into your home, you open the doors to create lasting relationships that build bridges across cultures and countries that enhances the CIP vision of building peace and cross-cultural understanding! Some of our families have hosted international participants for many, many years; it is always a new adventure!

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To learn more about this opportunity or to become a CIP host family, please complete the form below and fax or e-mail it to: Dr. George Palamattam, CIP Executive Director: [gp@cipchicago.org](mailto:gp@cipchicago.org), Fax: 630-616-1414.

**If you have any questions about CIP, please contact George at 630-359-3393.**

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Name:

Street Address:

Email Address:

Phone:

CIP Chicago will give you detailed information about the professional coming to your house, before you make a decision. Please let us know if you have a preference of a particular Country/Continent:

Please give any additional information you would like to share:

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