

Council of International Programs

Training for a Changing World

Building Bridges Across Cultures and Countries "One Handshake At A Time"!

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Dear Friend of CIP,

As 2012 draws to a close, we at The Council of International Programs Chicago hope you had a wonderful year! We thank you for your very valuable support in making our organization and its services successful for yet another year. We hope you have been enjoying the newsletters. The upcoming issues will have information on events we plan or organize monthly – thanks to a recently conducted SOAR study that pointed out a great interest in opportunities for events engaging CIP participants, host families, interns, volunteers, and board members. It is only with your support as host families, volunteers and training facilitators that we were able to provide placements and exchange experiences for 34 participants. They were from Buryatia, Germany, Holland, Korea, and Mexico, as well as federally sponsored delegations from Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, and Russia. We are immensely grateful to the Open World Leadership Center for the grants supporting the delegations. CIP Chicago looks forward to enhanced programming with support from World Learning in the coming years!

It is you, the local community, which allows our organization to make a difference by promoting international cooperation and education through this professional exchange program. The wine making & tasting event, organized in partnership with Sinha Elegant Cuisine, Wine for Humanities and Fox Valley Winery was the first of its kind for us and very successful as well. We hope to have more such events in the coming year.

Again, we very much appreciate your time and support, and will continue to update you on our newest participants, events, and programs. Also, very important – Please send us your valuable ideas and suggestions to make our programs a source of enriching experiences for the professionals visiting us from abroad and for you and other host agencies and families. Our goal and promise to you is to try to enable our participants to return home with experiences they'll cherish for life. Likewise, we hope, as hosts and volunteers, you will also experience the joy of sharing and learning more about another country, culture, and its people, and in the process build bridges of friendship and citizen diplomacy across borders. If you are interested in further supporting The Council of International Programs, you may send a monetary donation (*tax-deductible*) to the address below (please make checks payable to "Council of International Programs").

Enjoy some pictures of this year below. Again, thank you for your invaluable help!

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President

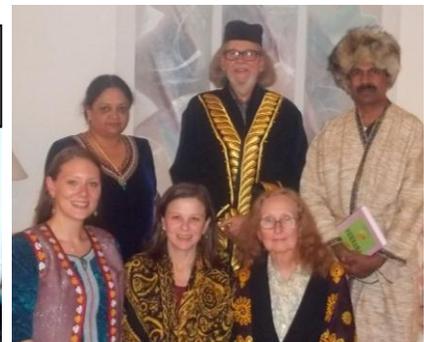
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CIP Interns experiencing the joy of practicing what they learned – "CIP is a great place for Service Learning"

Markus Sullivan, Former NY Giant, and Larry Crost join CIP interns in the home of CIP Director in planning a sports training program.



Peace Corps Volunteers of Turkmenistan in the house of CIP Director – Planning for a delegation from Turkmenistan!



Limjoco from Rep Schakowsky's office and Johnson from Sen. Kirk's office welcome the delegation from Moscow



The joy of hosting and sharing – CIP participants with the Divis family



CIP participants on a panel presentation on "Emerging Global Youth Movement" at the Loyola University School of Law



Host family, Ken, visiting Uzbekistan, the home country of his former guests, "Bridges built through such exchange programs are best used when travel takes place in both directions,"



Mayor of Ottawa meets with Deputy Mayor and Committee Members from Georgia!



Kyrgyzstan Journalists at CBS Channel 2



Congressman Roskam reviews Open World report along with delegates from Kyrgyzstan



Mayor Murphy of Woodridge and Rep. Biggert address delegation from Kyrgyzstan with Nino interpreting

"Bridges are best used when travel takes place in both directions." Visit www.discoveryjourney.org to join rejuvenating educational trips we organize in partnership with *Discovery Journey*. In addition to seeing former participants, you'll also visit monuments and tourist attractions!!