

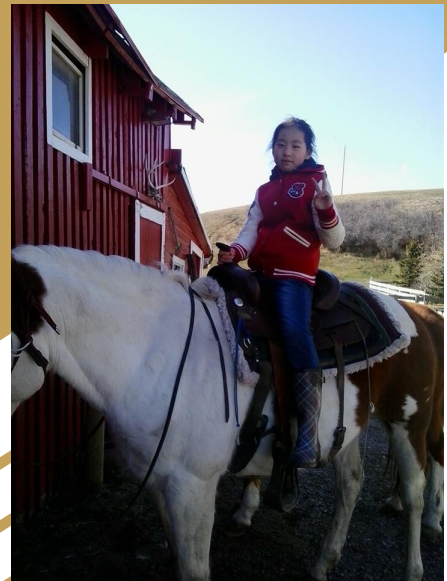
Becoming a Host Family

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Imagines containing, Ruby, Sofía, Jana, Marta, Maria, Risa,
Javiera, Phillip and Angel

In March 2015 Ruby came from China

- ★ Ruby was the first ever student our family hosted
 - Darilyn and Ruby were in grade 5 at Canyon
- ★ It was the beginning of the exchange student program
- ★ She was with us for a month in a shared program





In September 2015 Sophia came from Colombia

- ★ Upon arrival things were a little bumpy. But soon things worked themselves out and she became a part of the family.
- ★ Sophia was in grade 8 at MHHS
- ★ Sophia stayed with us for a month
- ★ She was later visited by Haley in Colombia





In September 2016 Maria came from Columbia



- ★ Our time with Maria was something else, there was some miscommunication between us. Maria believed that our dogs did they dishes. This experience gave us knowledge to be very straight forward about they way things work, and finding new ways to explain it.
- ★ A few weeks in and she was apart of the family
- ★ She stayed for a whole semester
- ★ Her family came to pick her up in december
- ★ Maria and Haley were in grade 10 at MHHS
- ★ Haley visited Maria for 2 weeks in Colombia
- ★ Maria loved Canada so much she moved here! And is currently in calgary attending university

Note: Maria does not like to be called Maria but Mafer



In September 2017 Jana came from Germany and Javiera from Chile

- ★ Jana and Javiera were at our house at the same time, coming from different countries made our house a creative place. We had many discussions on how the cultures are different
- ★ Jana, Haley and Javiera were in grade 11 at MHHS



- ★ Javiera stayed with us for 3 months
- ★ Jana originally was here for a semester but decided to stay the year
- ★ Jana's parents came to pick her up and explore southern Alberta and BC in June 2018
- ★ Haley stayed in Chile for 2 months a year after Javiera had stayed in Canada.
- ★ Haley stayed with Jana in Germany for 3 weeks in the summer of 2019



In 2018/2019 Phillip came from the USA and Angel a from Spain

- ★ Phillip and Angel came for the Lundbreck Ski Academy School
- ★ Both stayed a year
- ★ Our first ever male exchange students
- ★ Phillip graduated from Lundbreck
- ★ Angel was in grade 11 at MHHS



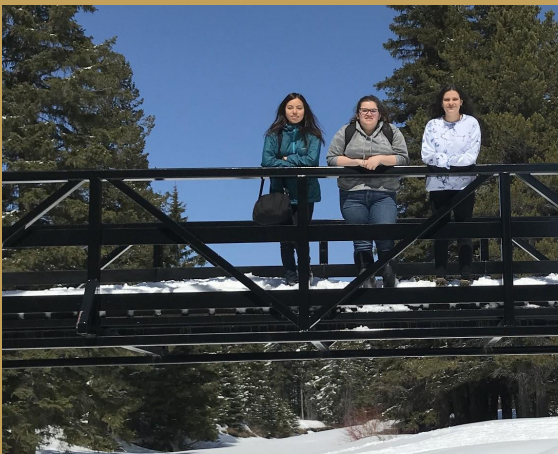
- ★ Philip was our Social Butterfly befriended students from Lundbrick and MHHS
- ★ Also the most accident prone student our house has ever had.
- ★ The boys made the house lively
- ★ Angel taught our cat spanish commands and now we have a Spanish Cat!



In September 2019 Marta came from Spain and Risa from Japan

- ★ During the time of Marta and Risa's stay the pandemic locked everything down and we couldn't give them all of the Canadian experience. We all made the most of it though. Spending time with each other, animals, designing a hoodie, building and camping.
- ★ Risa is in grade 10 with Darilyn
- ★ Marta was a year behind them in grade 9
- ★ Risa could have gone home this summer due to the pandemic but decided to stay
- ★ Risa is our first ever student to spend the whole 12 months with us
- ★ Risa is staying for the year and Marta was here for 10 months
- ★ These two girls brought lots of laughs and entertainment
- ★ Marta use to sing the Frozen song very loudly throughout the house.





The exchange program has left us with new and loving friends all over the world. Haley Bruder the eldest daughter had the chance to go an exchange in return for us housing Javiera. Haley began her journey by leaving Canada in late august heading to Columbia to visit Maria and Sophia, then jumping from Columbia to Chile. Where she began her exchange for a two months.

Over the course of the years we have developed an understanding and appreciation of different cultures and their ways of life. The exchange program doesn't just allow for students to come here and learn english, it also allows for the host family's to learn their language as well.

Students from other countries also allows for some new experiences in food preparation and flavours. Jana out German exchange student was vegetarian, which allowed us to try tofu and many other vegan meals.

This program has changed the lives of many and made memories we will never forget.



Haley in Colombia



Haley in Chile



Haley in Germany

