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The Past is the Future

Another year of participation by many 4-H youth in the 4-H International Exchange opportunity provided by States 4-H International Program Committee has concluded.

After receiving numerous "thank you" cards and letters from many of these youth, I am convinced that the experience they had will change their lives. So, what they experienced in their host country has had a lasting effect. The past is the future.

Some wrote about their life with their host family, while others were just showing appreciation for our support. You would think we had given them \$1,000 instead of \$100, as gracious as they were in saying "thank you."

While I say our support, I'm including all those who have provided contributions to the IFYE Foundation to support 4-H International Exchanges. It is your generosity in giving that has allowed the Foundation Board to increase the support for each exchangee from \$75 to \$100 this year. Is it possible to increase it again in 2010?

This campaign is aimed at reaching all IFYE alumni with the hope that when you see the results of this past year, you will be encouraged to contribute again. Perhaps you could even increase your gift to help us provide an increased amount to the exchangees.

The enclosed annual report will provide you with a record of our finances and also highlight our accomplishments this past year.

Our goal as a Foundation is to continue to provide as much support as possible from the gifts you provide us. We take no compensation and limit our expenses to basic operating costs of mailings, the *IFYE News* and minor miscellaneous expenses.

You also have the opportunity to contribute throughout the year by using the "tear off" found in each issue of the *IFYE News*.

Your contributions make all this possible and we thank you.

Norman Bauer, President

Enclosures