



About Us

Since the 1964 inauguration of Partners of the Americas, President Kennedy's vision of building lasting relationships in the Western Hemisphere remains an important objective of the Indiana and Rio Grande do Sul sister state programs. Today, these two programs continue to build upon Kennedy's vision by **connecting Hoosiers to Latin American Gauchos in professional, cultural and educational exchanges.** Travel accommodations are provided through the organization, in addition to facilitating homestay and other volunteer opportunities.

Join us today and let's connect, serve and change lives together!

We've been building goodwill between Indiana and Rio Grande do Sul in the following areas:

- Citizen Participation & Governance
- Gender & Equality
- Leadership & Community Development
- Agriculture & Environment
- Youth Service, Leadership & Child Protection
- Health and Wellness

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Youth Ambassadors

Be a Host Family!

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How does it work?

Caring Hoosier families host a Brazilian teen, ages 15 to 18 years old. The Youth Ambassadors need to participate in school regularly or in a home school program. They are also expected to perform leadership activities and volunteer service. The exchange is eight weeks, typically from the first week in January to the first week in March (during Brazilian summer vacation). **The host family provides a single or shared room, meals and transportation.** They should incorporate the Youth Ambassador in family activities and excursions to fully integrate into American culture.



Rio Grande do Sul's Culture

Rio Grande do Sul is the southernmost state in Brazil, bordered by Uruguay, Argentina and the Atlantic Ocean. Leaders in both sister states (Indiana and Rio Grande do Sul) chose each other as Partners of the Americas because of their likeness.

Similar demographics, economic outputs and political traditions make the match ideal. The local cuisine is also a reason to salivate as steakhouse barbecues, or “churrascarias,” are delicious and have become a global attraction.

Benefits

Our collaborative effort trains adult and youth leaders, strengthens NGOs and engages citizens in the global community. The experience to travel abroad and help take on foreign projects is a rewarding experience that fosters better relations between the U.S. and the Americas. Please join us in the making a **positive difference domestically and overseas in the Americas!**

