



**Global Family Alliance**  
**Host Family Application**  
**2008 Summer Hosting Program**  
**Washington**

Thank you for opening your hearts and home to the children of Belarus. To submit an application to host a child or interpreter from Eastern Europe during the summer of 2008, please provide the information below. All information submitted will be held in the strictest confidence. Each host family is responsible for funding their guest child's respite. For 2008, the cost is \$1450 per child. A \$50 non-refundable application fee is also required.

*Note: If you are hosting an interpreter your only expenses are a \$50 application fee and those fees associated with having your guest for the summer.*

**A note about Hosting Fees.**

The hosting fee covers expenses such as airfare, health insurance, visas, and interpreters. As hosting applications are received and approved, GFA makes commitments to airlines and other vendors to ensure that the selected guest will be able to make the trip. Payments are scheduled on a timeline that allows GFA to collect each portion of the hosting fee as our commitments become due. If hosting payments are not made on a timely basis, it will create a financial burden for GFA.

By submitting this hosting application, you are agreeing to pay your hosting fees as they become due (either by host family contributions; contributions from family, friends, churches or other organizations; through other fund raising activities). If you do not expect to be able to cover the hosting fee, you may submit a request for financial aid.

If you have any questions regarding the application, please contact Sherry Smith at 360-452-7977 or [sherry@globalfamilyalliance.org](mailto:sherry@globalfamilyalliance.org).

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**1. Names and Address**

Mother: First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Work Place \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Father: First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Work Place \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Physical address of residence \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address if different \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_



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Please indicate your first choice for hosting dates:

- Arrive Mid June, Depart Late July  
 Arrive Early July, Depart Mid August

**Note: If you are a returning host family please skip to section 2.1 and provide the required information on your child you would like to invite.**

**Note: If you are hosting an interpreter skip to section 3**

## 2. Child Preferences

Travel dates for each child will be the decision of the GFA Board, but we would like to know your preferences regarding gender, age and hosting dates. The visiting children will generally range in age from 8 to 12

Number of children you would like to host:  1  2

1<sup>st</sup> Child Preference:  Boy  Girl Age: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Child Preference:  Boy  Girl Age: \_\_\_\_\_

*Optional:* If you would like to request a child from our website, please provide two choices:

1<sup>st</sup> Choice Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No. (from website) \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No. (from website) \_\_\_\_\_

### 2.1 Previously Hosted Child/Interpreter *(Returning Families Only)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Host Family: \_\_\_\_\_

City in Belarus: \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) Hosted: \_\_\_\_\_

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***(Note: Returning Host Families skip to Page 8---Host Family Commitment)***

- 5. Provide three personal references who are not relatives. (GFA will contact these people during the screening process.)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Family: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Family: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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**6. Safety.**

Primary vehicle Make/Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your vehicle have a seatbelt for each occupant?  Yes  No

Does your vehicle have airbags?  Yes  No

Do you have auto insurance?  Yes  No

Do you have homeowner's or renter's insurance?  Yes  No

Does your home have smoke alarms?  Yes  No

How far is the nearest smoke alarm to where your guest will sleep? \_\_\_\_\_

Does any person living in your home have a criminal record or a case pending?  Yes  No

Does any person living in your home possess any firearms?  Yes  No

If so, where and how are the firearms stored? \_\_\_\_\_

Will an adult be present at all times during the child's/interpreter's visit?  Yes  No

Which adult in your household will be the child's primary caretaker? \_\_\_\_\_

If your family has any pets, please list the type and number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Please be prepared to show records of up-to-date immunizations for pets at the time of your home visit.*

**7. Family hobbies and interests.**

Please tell us a little about what your family enjoys doing.

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**8. Please state why you would like to host a Belarussian or Ukrainian child/interpreter and what expectations you have for this visit.**

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Does your family regularly attend church?  Yes  No

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

(May we contact your pastor for a reference?) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment deadlines for 2008:**

*\* If fee deadlines are missed, processing of your application will be suspended until appropriate payments are received.*

With Application - \$50 non-refundable application fee due.  
*Application processing will begin when \$50 application fee is received by GFA.*

March 10- \$450 down payment due.

April 10- \$550 2nd Payment due.  
*Airline seats will be reserved when \$1050 is in your GFA account, by April 10.*  
*Airline deposit loss due to non-payment of fees is the host family's obligation.*

April 30- Final \$450 due.



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*(Host Families for interpreters please skip to page 9—Interpreter Host Family Commitment)*

#### **HOST FAMILY COMMITMENT**

By submitting this application you are agreeing to abide by the Global Family Alliance Host Family Commitment.

#### **VITAL ITEMS**

We commit to:

- Arrange donated dental care for my child and attend all appointments with an interpreter regardless of the child's English skills.
- Keep the child's insurance information with the child. Keep a copy in the car.
- Submit a Travel Notification when the family will be away from home overnight.
- Report any injury or serious illness to the Health Program Director immediately.

#### **SAFETY**

For the well being of the child, he/she will:

- Be supervised by a person who has been cleared by GFA.
- Wear his/her ID bracelet 24/7.
- Wear a seatbelt.
- Wear a helmet while on a bike, skates, skateboard or any other toy with wheels.
- Wear a personal floatation device in a boat.
- Only ride on or in a vehicle operated by a licensed driver.
- NOT operate any motorized vehicles to include motorbikes, go-karts, quads or jet skis.
- NOT consume alcoholic beverages, smoke, or take any illegal substance.
- NOT leave the USA. The child's visa is valid for only one entrance to the USA.
- NOT be subject to any corporal punishment.

#### **HOST FAMILY PARTICIPATION**

We commit to attend, and arrive on-time for

- Orientation
- Arrival
- Medical Check
- Departure
- Any other mandatory activity scheduled. (These may vary by area)

#### **INTERPRETER**

We commit to:

- Schedule an interpreter for each appointment as soon as possible.
- Invite the interpreter to my home at least once within the first two weeks after arrival.
- Use the interpreter to explain family rules and expectations and safety issues.
- Enlist the help of an interpreter if there are any questions or problems that need assistance.
- Transport the interpreter to and from all appointments for your guest child.

#### **FINANCIAL**

We commit to pay the hosting fees when scheduled, unless approved for financial aid.

#### **PARTICIPATION**

As a part of the GFA family, we commit to be supportive of its mission by the sharing of our time and skills.



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**INTERPRETER HOST FAMILY COMMITMENT**

As a host family we will:

- Read the material given to us in the Host Family Handbook that explains the background of the project, the Chernobyl disaster, and the program goals that have been developed to “offer care, compassion, relief, and hope to the people of the Chernobyl Region, especially the children.”
- Attend preparatory orientation meetings to more thoroughly understand our cultural difference and ways to meet the interpreter’s needs.

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This application will be held in the strictest confidence by Global Family Alliance. We will notify you of the status of your application once the review and screening process are complete. At that time, we will tell you which child(ren) will be invited to your home for the summer. Please be patient as there may be many new families and the application process takes time.

By submitting this signed application you are giving Global Family Alliance permission to contact your references, conduct a Washington State Patrol background check for all people listed that are 14 years of age or older, and that the information you have provided is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Host Mother's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Host Father's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Send completed Host Family Application along with a \$50 non-refundable application fee to:

**Global Family Alliance**  
P.O. Box 27  
Carlsborg, WA 98324