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GEO Friendship Family and Cultural Exchange Program (FFACE)

VCU Bridge – Volunteer Application

August 2014 – May 2015

Application Deadline – Thursday, July 31, 2014

Opening Reception – Sunday, August 17, 2014

Closing Reception – May 2015 (time and day TBD)

Thank you for your interest in being a friendship family for a Bridge student! The VCU Undergraduate Bridge Program is a premium pathway program for students who want English language support in their first academic year. Among the key pillars of the Bridge program are community engagement and cultural enrichment. We hope that you and your Bridge student(s) will learn about each other’s culture and develop a lasting friendship. The expectation of the program is that you and your student(s) meet once monthly at a time that works best for you all. This could be dinner at your home, a trip to Maymont, a baseball game... whatever you would like to do together! The Bridge Program will also organize some events for the students, to which you and the other community volunteers will be invited. You can read more about the VCU Undergraduate Bridge Program at global.vcu.edu/bridge.

- Today’s Date: _____
- Name(s) of volunteer(s): _____
- Date(s) of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____
- Address: _____
- Occupation(s): _____
- Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
- Email Address(es): _____
- Names and ages of children (if living at home): _____

- What countries are you interested in and why?

• List any hobbies and interests: _____

• List pets: _____

• How many students would you prefer to be partnered with?
 1 student 2 students no preference

• Indicate your student preference (if any):
 male female married couple with children no preference

• What kinds of activities are you interested in participating in with your student partner(s)? Check all that apply:

- Meals at home
- Meals out
- Sports (as spectator)
- Sports (as player)
- Arts (museums, concerts/music, dance performances, theater, etc.)
- Festivals
- Shopping (grocery, clothes, etc.)
- Movies
- Outdoor activities (hiking, kayaking, etc.)
- Other (please specify): _____

• Is there anything else that you'd like us to know about you and/or your family members as we match you to your student partner(s)?

• By signing below, I confirm that I understand that VCU Human Resources will be contacting me to perform a criminal history check on myself and any adult (18+) members of my household.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____