

Project # 1129**Name of Project:: World Friendship Center****Web Site Address: HA7 seikyou.ne.jp/home/WFC/indexE2htm/****Job Title: Directors****Job Description:**

Teach Conversational English.

Help choose appropriate English for translations of students from Japanese into English.

Host Bed & Breakfast guests.

Host Peace groups sponsored by WFC as well as other groups.

Put out a quarterly newsletter with the help of students and others which will be mailed to both an English reading and Japanese reading audience after it is translated into Japanese.

Cook. Clean.

Do laundry.

Minimum Requirements:

A college degree would be helpful, if not necessary, for the teaching aspect.

Other skills and abilities include cooking, public relations, people, office, journalism, public speaking.

Prior experiences related to travel, hosting house guests, education, employment could also be of value.

Physical requirements include ability to work many hours, walk and/or ride a bicycle lots.

Description of Project:

Overall Purpose: to promote friendship and understanding leading to peace.

Description of programs:

Conversational English Classes- 10-12 two hour classes weekly.

Bed & Breakfast- Guests come from many countries.

Friendship Night- monthly with special speakers, usually in Japanese.

Peace Park Guides (in English): training and discussion monthly

Peace Choir (in Japanese)- monthly

Peace Seminar for Japanese- monthly

Telephone Card/ Stamp Collection Project- monthly

Visits to Mutsumien A-bomb Survivor Nursing Home- monthly

Participation in city-wide international festival- yearly

Brief History: WFC was started in August of 1965 by Barbara Reynolds, a Quaker, to bring A-bomb survivors together with international guests to promote friendship and understanding leading to abolishment of A-bombs and peace.

Size: American Committee Members: about 16, Japanese Board Members: 19

Location: Hiroshima, Japan, with population of about 1,200,000.

Housing for Volunteer:

On project site: two story home

WFC is located in a semi-traditional two story home with a large living room, office, small kitchen and dining areas, full bathroom and entrance downstairs and three bedroom, a classroom and a sink and a toilet area up- stairs. One of the bedrooms is for the directors. The classroom is sometimes used for guests. Although in a crowded area, a lovely garden has been made and maintained by directors and friends at the front of the building.

Additional Factors:

A couple works out well at WFC. Sharing responsibilities, joys, and frustrations with a spouse in English is very helpful.

WFC is not handicapped accessible in the light of climbing stairs, walking to grocery stores and streetcar and bus stops, etc. Of course it would depend on the handicap and the severity.

A 6 month term is not an option because of the expense in traveling to Japan.