

Host families provide:

*A private sleeping room for the professional where they can relax and study

*Breakfast and dinner most days, with the possibility of professional making a bag lunch.

*Orientation around your house, explaining how things work such as showers, appliances, including laundry, locks, and alarm systems. Discuss how they can participate in daily chores. During their orientation professionals discuss ways they can participate with family chores.

*TLC: These are adults but they too get homesick and will appreciate your interest in their families and native countries. Other health issues? WVCIP Professionals have medical insurance during their stay here.

*Help with transportation: The professionals will have WVU ID cards that will allow them to ride the PRT and MountainLine buses for free. Hosts help them use PRT and bus transportation and work with the CIP transportation committee for other resources.

Professionals will need to get to work and many audit a class or two at WVU.

*Invitations to the professional to join in family experiences and outings. Hosts may apply to CIP for a \$50 stipend to defray the cost of special outings.

*Conversation and socialization: professionals learn so much about American culture from their host families! And host families learn as much themselves about the broader world.

CIP professionals provide:

Gratitude for a welcoming experience in Morgantown that enriches our lives!

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CIP participants are adult professionals visiting and working in Morgantown from mid-August to mid-November. An important part of their experience here is the home-stay program.

We offer three different homes to give each professional a variety of experiences in American culture. We understand that each home will offer a uniqueness that will add to each professional's understanding and appreciation of the US way of life.

By being a part of WVCIP we can learn how people from other cultures live, work, and think. We also can see ourselves as others see us. It is a great opportunity.

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"It has been a great experience having the opportunity to live with American host families and live their daily lives and customs. And have the chance to experience different host families with diverse life styles, traditions and family's size." Cecilia R. Pucci – 2005 CIP Professional.

