

**FRIENDSHIP ALLIANCE**

September 6, 2024

Dear Mayor Colvin and Mayor Pro Tem Jensen,

In six weeks, the Fayetteville-Saint Avold Friendship Alliance (FSAFA) will be hosting nine high school level English language teachers from Fayetteville's International Sister City, Saint Avold, France. We look forward to their arrival on Saturday, Oct. 18 and will be sad to see them depart on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024. Three of the teachers will be bringing their high school aged children and we are excited to see the rejuvenation of cultural and educational exchange opportunities for the youth of our two cities.

This visit was a result of meetings that occurred during the "American Week" celebrations that a delegation from Fayetteville participated in back in May of this year. During that visit, the FSAFA sponsored a high school student from Massey Hill Classical School to travel to France with the delegation. She was hosted by a local family and learned what daily life is like for a French family and went to the high school to experience the French school system. It was an enriching week! While visiting Fayetteville, the teachers will spend 2 full days at Cape Fear High School and Massey Hill Classical School. The French students will visit Massey Hill Classical for classes and a school spirit day event. Arrangements are being made for the group to visit Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville Technical Community College and Duke University.

Of course, the impending visit of the teachers from Saint Avold does not occur for free. They will be paying for their own airfare to fly to North Carolina. However, to reciprocate the extreme generosity that the Fayetteville delegation was treated to in May, it is only right for the teacher's lodging, meals and ground transportation to be paid for them. Arrangements and plans for their stay are in the process of being finalized. Below is a breakdown of the costs associated with this 12 day stay:

**-Lodging:** The MacPherson House Bed & Breakfast, 2 to 3 teachers per room; total: **\$9,910** (the students will be lodged with host families)

**-Meals** (no alcohol included): approximately \$45/day/person/12 days; total: **\$4,860** (NOTE: this accounts for meals that will be provided by volunteers and the FSAFA Board)

**- Transportation:** approximate total: **\$1,000** for large capacity van rental and fuel.

**Grand total of approximate expenses: \$15,770**

To assist with offsetting the costs I respectfully request the amount of **\$15,000**. The balance of expenses and any wine, beer or alcoholic beverages or any expenses over this amount will be paid for by private donations.

I hope you will consider our request and see the value of this effort. I will make myself available for any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,



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