



## The Community Hosting Program in Spokane

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**Summary:** As our Spokane students live in the area full-time over their full tenure in medical school, the Hosting Program in Spokane is structured differently to best serve our students and engage our Community Hosts. Rather than providing homestays and partnering with a single matched student, Community Hosts in Spokane are engaged as a team to best serve our entire Spokane student cohort. The College of Medicine organizes structured activities for students and Community Hosts to help highlight the connections and involvements of our Community Hosts and to showcase local organizations.

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### Host Involvements

**Community Host Directory:** Our Hosts provide a short biography and their interests, connections, and involvements in Spokane. This information is compiled into a directory with the Host's contact information and shared with our students. Our students are encouraged to use this directory to engage with Hosts with similar interests and desired connections.

**Community Nights and Group Service Projects:** Hosts and students attend Community Night dinners during select Clinical Campus Weeks. These Community Nights will typically be held on campus and are structured to further connect students and hosts. Later Community Nights may also feature local speakers that present on pertinent topics in the Spokane community.

In addition to the Community Nights, group service project activities will also be organized for students and hosts. These activities will help actively highlight organizations providing important services within Spokane.

**Student Solicited Engagement:** Our students are encouraged to use the Community Host Directory to contact Hosts with similar interests and desired connections. Hosts are encouraged when pertinent to coordinate activities and/or introductions to community members with these students .