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## **American Homestay Network Expands into South Texas**

Standards-based homestay services launched in Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Corpus Christi, and El Paso.

REDMOND, WA, July 3, 2014— American Homestay Network is proud to announce that we have opened a new office in the South Texas region. Our presence there has opened up the area to industry-leading homestay programs for students in college, high school, and short-term study tours, as well as international professionals seeking a more comprehensive cultural immersion.

South Texas is full of booming metropolitan areas. It is home to the state capital of Austin, the Alamo, and 5 time NBA World Champions, the San Antonio Spurs, as well as the Houston Texans and the Houston Rockets. Beyond excellent sports teams, there are several prestigious schools including Baylor University, University of Texas, and University of Houston.

Homestay provides a private and comfortable place to stay and the logistical, social, and emotional support of a family – all while the guest gets a chance to practice English skills and participate in traditions and day-to-day experiences. In return, the host family, which can be a family, couple, single, fellow student, or any other type of family, gets paid rent for providing a room and warm welcome to the guest. Hosts receive a larger fee if they opt to provide meals and/or transportation.

The new American Homestay Network office in South Texas was launched by Mr. Felix Imade, an experienced immigration professional, who is the Managing Director. More than 15,000 international students will be attending various institutions in South Texas this year. Mr. Imade will bring standards based homestay to the region by connecting those students with well-trained hosts that will provide safe, welcoming homes. "Everyone can take advantage of expanded learning opportunities through the American Homestay Network. If you have an empty room at home, why don't you give hosting an international student a try?" says Imade.

The American Homestay Network was founded in 2012 to bring the best practices and technologies deployed by acclaimed Australian Homestay Network to the American homestay industry. With practices based on the Australian model, which relies on industry standards widely recognized as the highest in the world, AHN is also currently





serving guests in Washington, Oregon, Georgia, Arizona, Illinois, North Carolina, Ohio, Southern California, Massachusetts, Texas, and Virginia.

## **About The American Homestay Network®**

The American Homestay Network is setting a new global standard for homestay. The company's network of regional offices supports a pool of hosts and partners, all of whom strive to provide international students with a culturally enriching homestay experience in an American home. The American Homestay Network, established in 2012, is based on the values of Australian Homestay Network: exceptionally trained hosts offering enriching experiences to international students. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.homestaynetwork.com">www.homestaynetwork.com</a>.

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