



Be the First Friend

"Find a School" Family Profile

Finding a new school is a challenging part of your new move. When you are active in your child's school, there are many opportunities for service, fellowship and fun! Finding the right school will also make a huge difference for your children. The choice of schools often determines who their friends will be, how their education will proceed, what activities they participate in, and perhaps even what they choose to do with their lives. Loneliness is often a problem in a new community, but finding a school that's a good fit can reduce or remove that loneliness. Finding a school for your children can also help you settle into the new community more quickly if you get involved in school activities or meet other school parents.

When you are moving to a new community, there are usually several options. How do you begin to choose?

We believe that our **Find a School – Family Profile Service** is a great beginning. When you use this free service you are able to get an overview of the options even before you move! We provide you with this family profile and can also provide the names and addresses of the schools in a community. By sending out profiles and requesting written information from the schools that are in the community you are moving to, you can begin narrowing your search even from long distance. That will make it possible to focus on visiting the schools that fit the gifts and needs of your family best when you arrive in your new community. Knowledge is power and you'll have some great knowledge to make the best choices for your family!

You are able to complete this profile form right on your computer. Simply put your cursor by each empty space, and you will be able to type there. When you have completed the form, you can print off as many copies as you need. If you need a list of schools in your community, go to our web site at www.WelcomingCommunity.org and you can request a list from us. We will email it to you, and then you can send this profile to as many schools as you would like.

A similar service is available from our website for finding a new church home.

And our real forte....helping families move with peace of mind!

The services we provide through Welcoming Community are an important part of our ministry! The aspect of our ministry that supports these services is our REALTOR® referral network, The EXODUS Network. We pre-screen and carefully select the best of the best REALTOR®S from around the country and refer them to people who are moving. People who are moving can call our toll free number or visit our website and request to work with a REALTOR® who is a full time professional that works with total integrity, and is committed to customer service. Our service is totally free for the moving family and allows them to "Move with Peace of Mind" as they can work with someone they can fully trust!

For more information about this free service visit www.exodusnetwork.com or call 1-800-395-8556.

Once you are settled.....

This profile form is part of a program called "Be the First Friend" which helps families who are the "current residents" of a community become more aware of the needs of families that are new. Once you are settled, you may want to consider getting these resources and making "welcoming others" a part of your ministry! Maybe you can be the inspiration to start some neat new programs in the church or school that you end up choosing! You will certainly have the first hand experience to be able to relate to the needs of families new to a community!

Dear Principal,

Our family is relocating to your community and we will be looking for a new school for our children! We would like to receive some information about your school and we would like to introduce our family to you! We hope to visit your school when we arrive.



Thanks in advance for your help!

The members of our family are:

Adult _____ male ___ female ___ under 20 ___ 20-30 ___ 30-40 ___ 40-50 ___ Over 50

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Child _____ Age _____ Grade _____ male ___ female

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Child _____ Age _____ Grade _____ male ___ female

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Our current address is:

Date: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Our email address is: _____

We have lived there for _____ **years.** **We will be arriving in your city** _____

Our children currently attend _____ **school in** _____

As we look for a new school, the following things are important to us:			
E—Essential	I—Important	N—Would be nice	U—Unimportant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Biblically based teaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	Instrumental Music Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Chapel Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vocal Music Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	Excellent Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Computer Instruction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friendly Atmosphere	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced Placement Classes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extracurricular Sports Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Education
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extracurricular Art Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Instructional Support for ADD Student(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Strong Parental Involvement
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Cafeteria
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteer Opportunities
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Vocational Education Options
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____

We would:

_____ **Be interested in receiving a phone call from a school representative.**

Our phone number is _____.

_____ **Be interested in receiving names, addresses and phone numbers, by mail, of some families with children the same ages as ours.**

_____ **Not be available for any personal or phone contact before our visit to the area, but would like some information sent to us about your school.**

_____ **Like to inform you that we will be visiting the area on** _____.

_____ **Be interested in receiving materials by email if possible. Please include your school's web address.**

Other comments:

