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Dear Fresh Air Families,

We hope this email finds you well and eagerly looking forward to a fun-filled summer 2021!

As The Fund announced in April, **our traditional in-person Friendly Towns program is not operating this summer**. Based on the best information available at the time, we concluded that we could not run the program this summer. While this is disappointing, we look forward to re-launching in-person Friendly Towns in 2022!

What does this mean for this summer? We urge all of our host families and NYC families to continue to virtually engage and connect. Please be aware that any in-person connection between Fresh Air participants is not part of The Fund's programming. We respect and acknowledge that some of you have built strong relationships and are in touch. However, we wanted to take a moment to ensure all families are aware that any visits and gatherings in summer 2021 are outside the scope of The Fresh Air Fund's official programming. The Fund cannot assume responsibility for any incidents that may occur if families privately agree to get together outside the scope of our program.

We strongly urge, while you are eager to reconnect with one another, to wait for the appointed time when we restore our traditional Friendly Towns programming. We will be working on wonderful ways to celebrate the in-person reconnection of all our families.

Again, while we do not want to discourage your relationships, we want to make sure that both NYC families and host families are aware that **private visits during Summer 2021 are not official Friendly Towns visits**. This means that the typical support, programming, and coverage you receive from The Fresh Air Fund is not available, including: medical insurance information, 24/7 Support Services support, updated background checks, local volunteer support, home visits, transportation assistance, and liability assistance.

Summer is very much happening at The Fund, and we are excited about the opportunities that are in place and would love for you to join the summer fun! The Fresh Air Fund's summer 2021 programs are: Fresh Air Summer Spaces, Fresh Air Open Spaces, Fresh Air Everywhere, Friendly Towns Connect, Fresh Air Family Wellness, and Fresh Air Summer Teen Academy.

We look forward to seeing you in [The Fresh Air Fund's summer 2021 programs](#). We encourage NYC families to [complete your child's application](#) as soon as possible as limited spots are available. We encourage host families to join us in our [Friendly Towns Connect program](#).

Thank you for being a part of our Fresh Air family and we look forward to connecting with you soon.

Best,

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