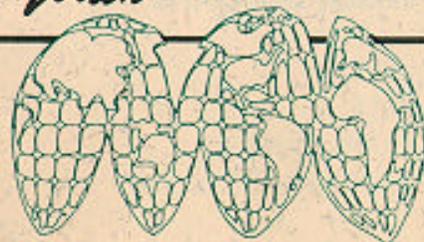


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## FOREIGN SERVICE *Youth* FOUNDATION



### ➤ **Background**

**T**he Foreign Service Youth Foundation (FSYF) was established in 1989 with seed money from the Una Chapman Cox Foundation and through the collaborative efforts of the U.S. Department of State's Family Liaison Office (FLO), the Association of American Foreign Service Women (AAFSW), and the Overseas Briefing Center (OBC) of the State Department's Foreign Service Institute.

### ➤ **What is the Foreign Service Youth Foundation?**

**T**he Foreign Service Youth Foundation (FSYF) is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to providing information, advocacy and outreach activities for the internationally mobile youth of all U.S. foreign affairs agencies. This support is extended to youth and their parents in the Washington, D.C. area as well as at Foreign Service posts abroad.

The FSYF receives funding from the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) as a non-profit 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Please remember the FSYF when making your CFC contribution. We count on your generous support.



## → Activities

- ❖ Around the World in a Lifetime (AWAL)
  - ♦ teen-produced monthly newsletter (*Wings of AWAL*)
  - ♦ social, educational and leadership programs, especially for re-entry and going overseas
  - ♦ contact between Washington, D.C.-based teens and teens overseas
- ❖ Seminars for parents about raising internationally mobile children
- ❖ Annual Foreign Service Youth Awards for Community Service
- ❖ Programs for pre-teens and young adults
- ❖ *Notes from a Traveling Childhood: Readings for Internationally Mobile Parents and Children* and other publications



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## CHANGING PLACES

*by a Foreign Service Teen Upon Return to the U.S.*

Sitting  
For the first time  
on the first day  
of the first year  
in a new school  
at a new desk  
in a new classroom.

A different place, a different face . . .  
loneliness is a grey curtain  
to the happiness  
that tries desperately  
like sunlight at twilight,  
to flow in through the window.  
O.P., Izod, Jordache, and more,  
gather 'round, waiting  
for the opening of the school door  
while J.C. Penney's and Sears  
stand alone.

The question circles through the mind:  
Why is there so much difference?  
But no answer presents itself  
to light the match of acceptance.  
Yet, the spark  
to kindle the fire,  
to answer the question,  
to part the curtain  
is the openness  
of mind,  
body,  
and spirit  
to the new places, the new faces  
that wait  
for the doors to open. ◊

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