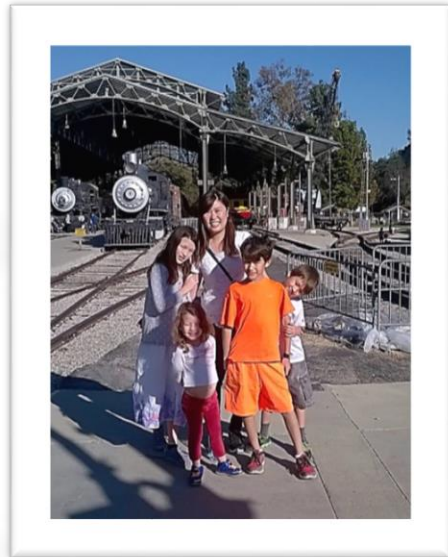




Yuka K. – Japan Placed in California

Yuka K. is our Au Pair, and is an excellent caregiver for our four children (ages 5-12). We, Tom and Mitsuko, the parents of the host family, think she is clearly deserving of nomination for Au Pair of the year.

Yuka is a gem; she showed up and very quickly and easily bonded with our children. She's always very pleasant, with a sunny disposition, which is probably one of the main reasons our children adapted to her so quickly. She listens to instructions very well, is very reliable and is always punctual. Yuka sets firm boundaries with the children, but otherwise thoroughly enjoys her time with our children, and it shows: she draws, paints, crafts, subjects herself to pretend school or hair salon. She is always amenable to taking the children on outings to parks and museums. She tries not to control the children's interactions too much, allowing the children to work out their differences safely on their own. But she calmly, and constructively sets a wonderful example for how good, kind adults act.



Yuka is also careful to direct and assist the children to keep the home as comfortable as possible. The kitchen is clean and orderly, common area is neat, children's bathrooms are clean and she is always attending to the children when we get home from work. She's available to help the children with their homework (in both English and Japanese) and gently helps them stay on track in getting things done.

We really appreciate the freedom and ease that Yuka has brought to our lives. She's always a pleasure to have around, and has become a very dear member of our family.

We heartily endorse her nomination for Au Pair of the year!

Sincerely,

Tom and Mitsuko

