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Pictured are some of the CIAO participants who will be coming to Kendallville April 5-14. From left are Anna, Gian Lorenzo and Niccolò (brothers), Gloria deFillippi and Roberto. In front are Renata, Irene, Daniela, Mario

and Cathy Linsenmayer. Linsenmayer and deFillippi are helping to organize the Italian/American exchange. (Linsenmayer lives in Italy but has a summer home on Sylvan Lake.)

Group from Italy arriving April 5

KENDALLVILLE — Through CIAO, Kendallville area families are invited to host an Italian and then travel to northern Italy (the Turin area) in 2008.

CIAO stands for Creating Indiana/Italy Adventures Overseas. It is an all-volunteer group. Most of the Italian CIAO participants have connections with AFS, the world's oldest international student exchange organization. AFS was founded in Italy 60 years ago.

A group from Italy will be in Kendallville April 5-14.

Group events scheduled include a welcome potluck Friday night, April 6, at the former McCray Mansion in Kendallville, attending Easter services at the chapel at Notre Dame in South Bend, visiting Shipshewana, visiting a local hog farm and a tour of the Mid-America Windmill Museum.

The host families will be welcome to participate in the CIAO group activities during the week, but they will have

no obligation to do so.

The families that host will make a trip to Italy to stay with the people they hosted.

Several more host families are needed. For more information about hosting and/or volunteering during the week with group activities contact Grace Housholder at 347-0738 or graceh@kpenews.net.

"Ciao" is Italian for "Hi there!" "Welcome," "How's it going?" or "See you later."