



Ulster Project Participants at the Ropes Challenge Course

**Communication
Understanding
Interaction
~Peace**

The Ulster Project

Host Family Responsibilities

- Welcome the Irish teen into your home as a member of your family for length of visit-the month of July. Most of the teens share their room with the visiting teen.
- Provide transportation to your teen and visiting teen to activities as needed. Car pools and buses are used extensively.
- Attend and chaperone at activities as needed and desired-A parent might choose to volunteer to help at 1-2 of the events. Most of the events are the teens only, with the Irish counselors and a couple of chaperones.
- Be open to new ideas, new people, new experiences
- Maintain a positive attitude
- Respect the differences and rights of others-Most of the parents and participants meet for the first time when they agree to host an Irish teen.
- Attend 3-4 planning meetings prior to July

Program Costs

The Ulster Project is a 501(C)3 non-profit organization administered by volunteers. The Project exists on contributions from individuals, churches and other businesses and organizations. All funds donated go directly to program costs, primarily transportation assistance to the visiting Irish teens, and fees and expenses for activities provided. Host families contribute basic living expenses for the visiting teen with minimal extra spending money needed for the US teen.

If you wish to make a contribution of time, talent, or treasure, please call Kim Gatzke, Treas. at 504.885.0832 or Carol Lynch at 504.833.5327 or mail to the address listed below.

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***Please call me, I'd like to talk with you
about the Project:***

PARTICIPANTS WILL GAIN:

- New respect for and recognition of the value of differences to a community as a whole and to every individual involved.
- A cross-cultural experience involving both people new to them from within the New Orleans area and from Northern Ireland
- Some really great times while giving service to a well-identified and significant effort to help end political violence in a country allied with ours

Mardi
Gras
party



- New, and often lasting, friendships with other teens and their families
- A very intense program period that most participants regret to see end.

TO SUCCEED:

- Teams are utilized to accomplish our mission, such as Event directors, Administrative volunteers, Breakthrough leaders, Selecting and Matching volunteers, and Funding volunteers
- Participants must be willing to commit to the planning, the work, the community-building and other preparations before the month, which is typically from late June to late July.
- Participants must be willing and able to work cooperatively with all other individuals and organizations.

Ulster Project History

Founded in 1974 in Northern Ireland to heal the wounds created by the alienation between Catholics and Protestants by the Reverend Canon Kerry and Mrs. Edie Waterstone at the request of the Irish community in Manchester and the people of Connecticut, the Ulster Project USA now exists in app. 25 American host communities with over 7000 teens from Northern Ireland taking part during its 30 year history. The New Orleans area joined the program in 1991 and has received support from members of over 115 New Orleans area parishes and congregations, along with a substantial number of other organizations and individuals. The participating clergy in our paired community of Castlederg, plus the past teen participants and counselors, are fully convinced that the Ulster Project has made and is making a very profound difference.



Our Continuing Mission

The mission of the Ulster Project is to work for real peace in Northern Ireland, to create a deeper understanding in the United States of the issues, which have inhibited peace there, and to recognize similar situations in America. The pursuit of the mission comes through building an increasingly inclusive and cohesive community among all the diverse participants from both Northern Ireland and the U.S., especially within the Castlederg and New Orleans Areas, and between these two geographically separated but paired areas from which Ulster Project people share common aspirations.

Teen Selection Process

- Must be at least 14 and not yet 16 on July 1 of program year
- A detailed application
- An in home visit
- Separate away-from home interview
- A balance is sought in number of boys & girls, Catholic & Protestant

