

HOST CONGREGATION

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The GO Project was born out of deep prayer. It is a response to discernment on various young people's experiences of mission and outreach programs. While there are a number of fantastic summer programs available, there are few that respond to the unique ministry of the United Church of Canada and their partners. Originally hosted by Islington United Church we now have 3 more churches who have opened their doors to our program and have nurtured its growth from coast to coast. If your church is interested in supporting this exciting ministry, this resource will outline the needs and requirements to host a GO Project site.

SPACE REQUIREMENTS

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The GO Project is so grateful for the amazing churches who have offered their space to us! We treat all spaces with respect and aim to leave them in better condition than they were found!

The program runs from Sunday at 7pm to the second Thursday at noon. The church spaces would also be required the week prior for preparation.

The Essential Space Requirements are:

- Male & Female Participant Sleeping Rooms
- Male & Female Leaders Sleeping Rooms
 - sleeping spaces require window coverings and clothing racks and hangers and working smoke detectors.
- Fully Equipped Kitchen
- Large Gathering Space
- Male & Female Bathrooms with onsite shower or local showers within walking distance.

In addition, a GO Office space with phone and internet access is required for the site Co-ordinator for 2 weeks at the end of May/beginning of June as well as during the program.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

The GO Project relies on the loving volunteers in your church community to make our program a success.

Here are some of the ways you could Volunteer for The GO Project.

Drivers are necessary in helping participants to and from airports or bus/train stations as well as transportation to and from mission sites or various other activities.

We love to offer our participants fresh baking through out The GO Project, so **Bakers** of nut-free cookies, muffins, brownies, bread or other treats are most welcome!

Part of The GO Project experience is the community meal time preparation, however some days are filled off-site and we may require some occasional **Kitchen Helpers** or mid-week **Grocery Shoppers** to replace things that may have run out.

Mid-way through the 11 day program we require a volunteer or two to collect **Laundry**. This allows the participants to pack lighter and is extremely helpful to those who have to fly. If you have an **Air or Foam Mattresses** to loan, that would also be helpful for those traveling by air.

It is nice for the the youth to have some change of scenery, so perhaps someone in your congregation or community has a pool or large backyard and they might like to host a **Pool Party/BBQ**.

“Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.”
1 Peter 4:9

BILLET REQUIREMENTS

Housing is required for The GO Project site Co-ordinator during the two week site development time at the end of May or early June.

Housing is also required for the GO Project site staff during the preparation week prior to the program and potentially a night or two following the program.

These young adult would need a private sleeping area, the ability to come and go, and the option to be included in family meals.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Another piece of the GO experience is building worship leadership skills. The entire GO Project will plan and offer worship on the second Sunday of the program. This is a wonderful opportunity for the youth to learn as well as share the GO experience with the congregation. The week before the program begins, the GO site staff will be covenanted with the host congregation (leadership to be offered by congregation's minister or leadership person/team from the congregation).