



ALLIANCE AREA ULSTER PROJECT

Dear Friend of the Ulster Project:

The Alliance Area Ulster Project invites you to become a *Partner in Peace* for the year 2015. We are planning a benefit auction on *Saturday, March 14th*. Would you consider donating to this important fundraising event?

The Alliance community is entering its 29th year as an Ulster host city. Over the years, more than 300 Catholic and Protestant teens from Northern Ireland have spent a month with Alliance area host families as part of this ecumenical peace effort. The July project strives to "*Create Unity Amidst Diversity*" by building bonds of friendship, tolerance and understanding among project participants.

The Ulster Project is a nonprofit organization run entirely by volunteers who must generate approximately \$18,000 for the summer program. An item to include in our *Partner's in Peace* benefit auction would help to attain this goal. It would be a privilege to add your name to our contributor list. I am enclosing our Mission Statement and an Items Contract with our tax-exempt number for your convenience. In appreciation of your generosity, you will receive recognition in our auction program.

The recent events in Northern Ireland hold great promise for the future. Maintaining a bridge of peace for the youth is now more important than ever. A successful auction is possible only through the generosity of contributors like you. On behalf of the Ulster Project committee members, thank you for any donation you can make to our auction. It is ultimately a contribution toward peace in our world.

Sincerely,

Shirley Ryan

Shirley Ryan, Auction Chairman
330-221-3585
The Alliance Area Ulster Project

Ps: Visit our website <http://www.aapusa.org/>

Alliance Area Ulster Project – P.O. Box 3224 – Alliance, Ohio 44601



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Creating Unity Amidst Diversity

MISSION STATEMENT: The Mission of the Ulster Project is to help young, Christian based potential leaders from Northern Ireland and the United States to become peacemakers by providing a safe environment to learn by practicing the skills needed to unite people when differences divide them.

FACTS ABOUT THE ULSTER PROJCT: In 1974, members of the Protestant and Catholic clergy began an effort to bridge the gulf between the factions in Northern Ireland by bringing together in the United States young people from both sides of the conflict. The Ulster Project is an ecumenical peace movement supported by religious leaders in the United States and in Ireland. The simple plan was to provide a place away from the pressures of peers and society, where those teens who might become the future leaders of Northern Ireland could meet and get to know one another. In 1987 Alliance became a host site for the Ulster Project, joining existing programs which now make up 14 projects throughout the United States.

The Northern Irish participants in the Ulster Project are 14-16 years old and are selected by teachers and clergy for their leadership potential. There are an equal number of boys and girls, Protestants and Catholics, and they are paired with American host teens of the same gender, age, and religious affiliation. The four-week program encompasses a planned calendar of social, religious and service activities involving all of the teenagers. The Ulster Project is committed to promoting reconciliation between Northern Irish Catholics and Protestants by fostering tolerance, understanding, acceptance and friendship among the project participants.

The Ulster project has not brought an end to "the troubles" in Northern Ireland, but it has shown that over 800 years of violent history can be set aside. It offers hope that sectarian differences between individual human beings may not be as strong as the bonds of mutual friendship once established, and that the desire to avenge past wrongs may not be as great as the desire for peace and the hope for the future. As Northern Ireland continues to seek the path toward a permanent peace, the Ulster Project works in its own way, "peace by piece" ... one child at a time.



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P.O. Box 3224, Alliance, Ohio 44601

Tax-exempt No. 34-1542300

ITEMS CONTRACT

The Ulster Project of Alliance is pleased to accept the following item(s) for the **Alliance Area Ulster Project Auction** to be held Saturday, March 14th, 2015

ITEM DONATED (description): _____
(If the donation is a gift certificate, please make the effective date after March 14th, 2015)

VALUE: \$ _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING OR ATTACH A BUSINESS CARD:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

MANAGER/CONTACT PERSON: _____

Please return this form with your donation *before February 20th, 2015*

Thank you for your support!

Ulster Project representative: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE ATTACH A BUSINESS CARD

**UPS/Postal Shipment to:
Alliance Area Ulster Project
14208 Reeder Ave NE
Alliance, OH 44601**



The Alliance Area Ulster Project
P.O. Box 3224
Alliance, Ohio 44601

Dear Friend of the Ulster Project,

Thank you very much for your contribution to the Ulster Project Benefit Auction. Please accept our sincere gratitude for your generosity and support. We are well aware of the countless requests that individuals and businesses receive from organizations seeking help with fund raising efforts. Your decision to support our auction is one for which we are truly grateful. It is with the help of people like you that the Ulster Project is able to continue to build a bridge of peace for Northern Ireland.

We receive wonderful items from generous people near and far, and we are honored to include you as one of our contributors.

On behalf of the Ulster Project Auction committee, thank you very much for your support. May God bless you!

Sincerely,

Shirley Ryan

Auction Committee Member

Retain this portion as your receipt

The Ulster Project of Alliance gratefully accepts your donation to their benefit auction.

Item: _____

Donor: _____

Value: _____

Date: _____

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