



Do you have room in your home and your heart *to help a child from Northern Ireland?*



The Project Children Syracuse Class of 2009

Last year, families in Central New York hosted more children from Northern Ireland than anywhere else in the country. This year, we're looking for more host families to share this awesome experience! Won't you consider opening your home?

All it takes to become a summer host family for a **Project Children** child is a spare bed in a loving home, a big heart, and the desire to help.

It's a commitment of only four weeks, but it's an experience that will create memories to last a lifetime.

There are no special requirements for participation – just a willingness to provide room, board, adult supervision and lots of love to your summertime guest. The children from Northern Ireland, ages 10 to 16, are simply folded into the family routines and summer vacation schedules of their American households. While host families provide room and board, Project Children covers the cost of transportation and insurance for its Irish participants.

Should you decide to become a host family, you will make an important contribution not only to the life of an individual child, but to the ongoing struggle for peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. Your experience will be unique – a result of the "chemistry" between your own family and the child or children you're hosting. As one host mom describes, "People outside the program would tell us what a great thing we did by having these kids for the summer. My husband and I would look at each other and think, they have no idea what these kids have taught us."

To apply to become a host family for Project Children in Syracuse for 2010, please contact area coordinator Kathleen Kelly at 315-474-2296 by April 1.

For more information, or to download an application form, visit www.projectchildrensyracuse.org