



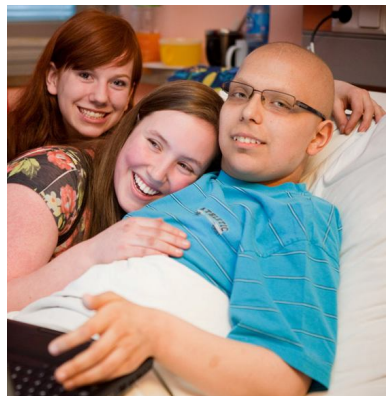
Journeys for a Lifetime

Experience the True Magic of Changing Children's Lives - And Yours' Too...

Coalition for Kids International is a Halifax based non profit organization that provides life-changing experiences for youth. The Coalition's initiatives evolved through a unique union with its sister organization in Poland, Fundacja Dziecięca Fantazja, which since 2004 has accomplished over 2,000 wishes and dreams for terminally-ill children.

Launched in 2007, the Coalition's signature program, **Journeys for a Lifetime**, has made an immediate impact on the lives of many. During the first four years the Coalition has taken 20 groups on their Journey for a Lifetime. Trips now depart most months of the year and the program is open to youth from across Canada.

Journeys for a Lifetime promotes international cooperation and global compassion. Our 12 day program will take you and 5 other youth to Poland, where you will be empowered to personally fulfill the wishes and dreams of children who suffer from life threatening and terminal illnesses - often in circumstances beyond imagination. You'll come away with a lasting impression; a mature awareness; greater respect, and; a deeper sense of perspective.



Journeys for a Lifetime

- You'll travel with 2 chaperones up to 1600km across the country to visit 14 sick children in their homes to deliver their wish gifts such: TV's, iPods, Playstations, laptops, cameras, cell phones, bikes, beds, clothes, musical instruments, movies, books - even puppies - and you'll take toys and games to many more in hospital.
- Your journey will include an educational entry tour of Berlin, Germany, with visits to the Holocaust Museum, Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie and the German History Museum. In Poland, you'll tour the Old Town of Warsaw, the Museum of WWII and Warsaw Uprising, a concentration camp, other historical and cultural sites and you'll have a welcoming meeting at the Embassy.
- Each trip is unforgettable and unique. In addition to being a compassionate volunteer you'll also: meet other extraordinary youth; make new friends across the world; have great fun; learn about European history and traditions; discover the culture and, most of all, at the end of your trip; have a real sense of fulfillment.
- The Journeys for a Lifetime program will show you the world beyond - you'll discover valuable life lessons that can never be learnt in a classroom. You'll learn to appreciate the needs of others less fortunate and come away understanding and valuing what you have at home, ready to serve your community better.



"Nothing can compare to the things I have experienced in the past 12 days"... Emily (16)

But Don't Just Take Our Word ...

Praise from youth, parents, educators and government officials inspires the Coalition to reach out even further...



Ben (17) ... "This is the type of program our world so desperately needs"

Allison (17) ... "In 12 days I gained knowledge that would take a normal person 50 years"

Jacob (14) ... "I truly believe the impact will stay with me until the end of my life"

Jordan (14) ... "I have a new perspective of gratitude in everything I do"

Jennifer (15) ... "It would feel like a crime to come home and continue life as I have been"

Meagan (16) ... "Back at school I was greeted by teachers and friends in a new building filled with opportunities instead of the concrete prison I disliked before my trip"



Darrell (Parent) ... "This is, without doubt, a defining moment in my son's life"

Eleanor (Parent) ... "You are changing the trajectory of so many teenage lives"

Al & Darlene (Parents) ... "You guys are exceptional for creating something so special"

Laurie (Parent) ... "I thank you from the bottom of my heart for devoting your lives to this cause"

Mrs. Mercer (Teacher) ... "I have witnessed the profound affects the program has had on eleven of my former students"

Mr. Seagram (Principal) ... "A truly meaningful and memorable experience"



The Rt. Hon. Dan Costello (Canadian Ambassador to Poland) ... "I am ever moved and impressed at this truly exceptional work"

"I want to thank you for shaping who I am, and pointing me in the direction that I am meant to go"... Hannah (16)

Program Information

- A maximum of six participants per trip (in groups aged 14 - 18 or 19 - 23). Separate trips are also arranged to accommodate parents and children (aged 12 +) who wish to share the Journeys for a Lifetime experience together.
- There is one Coalition chaperone for outbound/return travel and trip duration and the "lead trip chaperone/translator", from the Foundation, joins the group in Berlin.
- Departures are most months throughout the year - around the 20th of each month (+/- 7 days). Due to their delicate condition, the children to be visited are selected six weeks prior to departure. At that time the travel region within Poland and the exact departure/return dates are determined. Travel dates also vary to take into account school and public holidays.
- Trips include a 2 night stop over tour of Berlin and visits to historical and cultural sites in Poland. Each trip, including outbound/return travel, is 12 days duration.
- All gifts and wishes for the children to be visited are provided. Participants are asked to bring a few small items from their local Dollar Store (flags, pins, etc) to hand out as personal gifts for the children in hospital and to siblings of the children.
- The trip cost is \$3,900 per person fully inclusive of: Return air tickets; Europe train and ground transportation; Cultural & educational activities; Hotel accommodations in Germany and Poland; All meals and bottled water; Chaperones; Pre-departure materials and support; A 24-hour hotline; Emergency travel medical insurance; Taxes.
- Payment dates are: \$500 upon registration (non refundable); \$1,700 a minimum of sixty days prior to departure; \$1,700 a minimum of thirty days prior to departure.
- Participants have the choice to pay for the trip themselves or to fund-raise corporate and/or individual sponsorship towards all or part of the cost.
- \$50 - \$100 for personal spending money (snacks, soft drinks, souvenirs) is suggested.
- The following material is provided prior to departure: Full trip schedule and itinerary, including; children to be visited, their illnesses and their wishes, hospitals to be visited, cities and tourist attractions to be visited, day by day travel schedule and details, list of hotels, emergency contact information; Explanation of children's illnesses; What to take list; Etiquette and language guide; Polish travel and cultural guide and information on the places to be visited; Document check list.
- The following documents will be supplied and must be completed and signed forty five days prior to departure: Letter of Understanding; Travel Authorization (which needs to be notarized for participants under 18).
- Participants require valid passports. Visas are not required for Canadian and US citizens and no vaccinations are necessary
- The program meets the CAS component of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma.
- During each trip, parents, relatives, friends and sponsors receive a daily diary report, with photos, that keeps everyone in-touch and part of the experience.
- The Coalition provides a contact list for prospective parents and participants who wish to contact parents and participants from previous Journeys for a Lifetime trips for references.

***"Tell Me and I'll Forget : Show Me and I May Remember
Involve Me and I'll Understand"***

Chinese Proverb

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