



# Ulster Project Delaware

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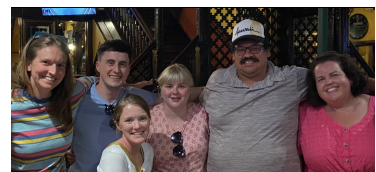
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Dear Ulster Project Delaware Family,

After nine years of serving as Executive Director of Ulster Project Delaware, I will be stepping down from the role—though never away from the mission or the community that has become part of my heart. As I reflect on my UPD experience, I find myself feeling deeply grateful.



When I first joined the project in 2013 as Discovery Leader, I knew UPD had a history of promoting peace and connection among its young participants, but I could not yet grasp how profoundly it would shape my own life. Over the past twelve years, I've watched quiet teens arrive with uncertainty and leave with confidence. I've seen moments of vulnerability build bridges of understanding. I've heard laughter ring across cultural divides. I've witnessed thoughtful conversations that have demonstrated what young people can achieve when they're given the space and guidance to grow. I've seen host families welcome teens as strangers and send them off as family. I'm grateful for the front-row seat I've had for these transformations.



Personally, this work has changed me. It has made me a better listener, a better teacher, and—I hope—a better person. I've learned that peace is not abstract. It is lived in conversations, in shared meals, in community service, in laughter late at night, and in the courage to reach across divisions. As I step aside, it is with immense pride in what we have built together and with tremendous hope for what will continue to unfold.




As I hand leadership over to new hands, I ask you to help sustain the mission that has shaped so many lives. If you have seen the impact of this project on a teen, on a family, or on yourself, I invite you to donate today. Every gift directly supports the young people who will carry on Ulster Project Delaware's mission of leadership, service, and peace. Make your tax-deductible donation to Ulster Project Delaware, Inc. via PayPal ([PayPal.me/UPDInc](https://www.paypal.com/ulsterprojectdelaware)), Venmo (@ulsterprojectdelaware), or check (PO Box 26097, Wilmington, DE 19899).



Thank you for twelve extraordinary years. And thank you for believing in the unstoppable potential of youth, empathy, and connection.

With love, gratitude, and hope,

  
Amanda J. Finn  
Executive Director

