Hello, and greetings of peace and safety!

I'd like to introduce myself, my name is Fatima Ahmed and I'm the Summer Program Director for this year's Heart to Heart summer program. You may already be familiar with [Heart to Heart](http://www.heart-to-heart.ca/), but in case you aren't here is a quick synopsis: ***we support a new generation of young Palestinian and Jewish citizens of Israel to become leaders who recognize the importance of building a shared society and who possess the motivation, skills, and relationships to make it a reality.*** Our core program is the Heart to Heart summer program. Each year, a group of 20 youth aged 14-15, half Palestinian citizens of Israel and half Jewish citizens of Israel, are selected to participate in an immersive camp-based program which runs in Canada. During camp, the group lives together and participates in relationship building activities and facilitated dialogue about the narratives, politics, and power dynamics that shape their daily lives back home. They also play games, go on camping trips and hikes, visits Parliament and the Canadian Museum of History in Ottawa and, last but not least, visit Toronto.

The youth live at Camp Shomria, in Perth, Ontario, for the first three weeks of the program. For the final week of the program, (this year **July 22nd - July 26th**) we find host families for the youth to stay with. Two youth go to each house, so we are looking for a total of 10 households to take part in this opportunity.

Here's the catch: We also aim for equal representation. At this point, we are looking for 5 Muslim or Arab households to be hosts to our 2018 participants. (If you don't fall into that identity group and wish to submit an application, we would also love to hear from you!). We are also looking for hosts that are specifically willing to host girls, as we've already found a place for the 6 boys in our incoming group!

The responsibilities of a host include giving participants a free place to stay for the 4 nights, providing breakfast and a packed lunch each day, driving them to morning drop off points and picking them up at the end of the day, and providing entertainment for them on two of the four evenings they have in Toronto.

Can you host us? Can you help us get the word out?

Let us know, we would love to hear any questions, and we would especially love if you shared this link (to all the info and application form) with others:  [*http://www.heart-to-heart.ca/ hosting-2018.html*](http://www.heart-to-heart.ca/hosting-2018.html)*.*

With best wishes,

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