



# BRANTFORD, ON

## Summer Youth Program – 2019

### Location

Brantford, Ontario is a city of approximately 97,000 and named after a Mohawk chief, Joseph Brant. The city is next to the Reserve of Six Nations of the Grand River which is the most populous reserve in Canada. The reserve is the only one in North America to represent all six Iroquois nations living together. The reserve has a population of approximately 12,000 on the reserve and 25,000 band members. Following the closure of the Mohawk Institute Residential School in 1970 the Woodland Cultural Centre was created to preserve history and promote Indigenous education.

### Disaster

In response to Canada's Truth & Reconciliations Commission and the invitation for churches to engage in reconciliation of past wrong, MDS is partnering with Woodlands Cultural Centre and Mennonite Central Committee Ontario in their Save the Evidence campaign to respond to the human and social disaster of the Canadian Residential School System. MDS will be assisting in restoring parts of the Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School in Brantford, which operated for 142 years from 1828-1970. This former residential school is being turned into a museum to preserve its history. This project is not only focused on the restoration of a building, but also about learning the culture and past of the Six Nations of that region.

### MDS Response

MDS Volunteers will be staying at the Expositor Place in Brantford (part of the Wilfrid Laurier University campus).

There will be various work projects on site which may include building wooden desks, building museum displays, building a reception desk, and doing some restoration work to the building itself.

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## Transportation

It is the responsibility of weekly volunteers to plan, schedule, and pay for their transportation to and from the project in Brantford. If you choose to fly in or take a bus, you will need to be sure to arrange for transportation from the station to the project, as MDS is not able to pick up weekly volunteers. If you have questions about this, please call the Coordinator for Weekly Volunteers at 800-241-8111.

- Hamilton Airport is the closest airport, about 30 minutes from Brantford, and is serviced by various airlines including WestJet, Air Canada and Swoop. Both National and Avis have on-site car rental operations at Hamilton Airport.
- Brantford does have a VIA Rail train station, a Greyhound bus station and is serviced by GO Bus lines (which provides transportation in the Greater Toronto Area).

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## Contact Information

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