

Stouffville student heads to Cuba in World Youth exchange program

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When John Barrell completes his OAC year at Stouffville District Secondary School, he will take a different path from the majority of his peers in pursuing further education.

Instead of going straight to university, Barrell will spend much of the 1997/98 school year participating in an exchange program co-ordinated by Canada World Youth.

He heard about the program initially through his father and called CWY for more information.

"I sent in the (application) sheet and the odds were one in 10 that I would get a position," said Barrell.

The competition was considerable, with many applicants being university students, "but I got recommended and the odds went from one in 10 to one in eight of getting selected to go this year."

He made the cut and attended an orientation session in Montreal last March, where he learned that he would be expected to contribute \$1,500 towards



JOHN BARRELL

his expenses, a portion of which he hopes to raise from service clubs and other community groups.

"We are sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency, which pays the majority of our costs, but we have to cover certain things like our flight."

The first three-and-a-half months of the program will be spent in a native community in Saskatchewan, working as a teacher's aid, Barrell explained.

"I'll live with the Métis for a while, with my Cuban exchange buddy. I haven't met him yet, but we'll meet when I get there."

Communication will not be a problem, since his buddy is able to converse in English and French.

At the end of the first stage of the program, "I'll go to Cuba, where I'll stay for another three-and-a-half months. I'll be working in a sugar factory and there's also a chance I'll be working in other things to do with agriculture."

CWY has co-ordinated international education and exchange programs for young people since 1971, with the emphasis on developing leadership skills, promoting understanding of social justice issues and providing a unique opportunity for young people to become involved in international and community development.

As the organization's mission statement notes: "Canada World Youth's mission is to increase people's ability to participate actively in the development of just, harmonious and sustainable societies."

"We shall therefore continue to create exceptional learning opportunities for communities, groups and individuals wishing to acquire skills and explore new ideas. This is achieved by working in partnerships based on integrity and respect for differences."

For John Barrell and young people like him, CWY offers an invaluable opportunity to broaden their horizons while helping others.

By participating in the program, he hopes to gain direction for his own future, while contributing to the communities in which he lives and works.

Barrell, who leaves for Saskatchewan on August 25, has already raised a portion of the money he needs from his own savings and with the help of family members.

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There will also be practice time available on weekends for the house league, every other weekend.

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