

FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO
B&B (Bed & Breakfast) Team - Generosity Ministry Team

FAQs ABOUT OUR BED & BREAKFAST (B&B) PROGRAM

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▪ **Why are we starting this program?**

The program is intended to be a major & ongoing Generosity Ministry Team fundraiser for our congregation to generate, in part, funds formerly raised by our Rummage Sale. This voluntary program allows you to raise additional funds for our operating budget **without** increasing your financial commitment (pledge) or opening your wallet! A number of other UU churches have similar programs which have brought in thousands of dollars each year. Our goal is to raise at least \$5,000 by June 30, 2017. Currently, our rates—which include a continental breakfast are \$75 single, \$90 double, & \$110 for a casita or suite with private entrance with a 2-night minimum & 7-night maximum. (A 1-night stay may be possible by special arrangement.)

▪ **How does it work?**

Hosts provide a private room with access to a shared or private bath & a continental breakfast & decide when & how often they are willing to receive guests. Additionally, the Host Application allows you to list any limitation you might have about the types & numbers of guests you're willing to host. When guest registration forms are received on the church website, the B&B Team emails or calls a host to see if the dates work. If the host says 'yes,' the team matches the guest with a host & contact information is shared. The host & guest communicate to work out the arrival time, directions to the host home, etc. The B&B Team tries to keep requests for a host's space to 2-3 times a year. Volunteer hosts may accept guests as often as they wish, however.

▪ **How is payment handled & how will the money be used?**

Our goal is to have our Guest Registration Form online by June 1. B&B guests will register & pay online with a credit card when they make a reservation. A host does not handle the money-side of the program. All proceeds will go to our operating budget in support of our mission & strategic plan programs & activities.

▪ **How do folks find out about our program?**

We'll be advertising in *UU're Home* (the Bed & Breakfast Directory for Unitarian Universalists & Other Religious Liberals) & in both the online & paper versions of the *UU World* magazine. Information will be distributed at General Assembly & we plan on contacting UU congregations around the country including our San Diego Cluster UU congregations. Of course, we're also depending on word of mouth advertising, so please let your family & friends know about our program.

▪ **What about host liability?**

The B&B program doesn't operate as a commercial business which would require city permits, health inspections, & liability insurance. First Church's program is strictly a volunteer fundraising operation—like all the other UU B&B programs across the country. Church hosts open their homes to members & friends of UU congregations &, in return for their hospitality, a donation is made to our church. We assume all B&B hosts carry homeowner's liability insurance, which would cover accidents involving their guests.

▪ **What is the tax liability for being a host?**

This is a voluntary program & all services are donations. Hosts are not being paid for offering accommodations to visitors. Therefore, it's not a business & would not, as far as we're able to discern, require any rental tax on the part of the host.

?? More Questions ?? - Email: BandBTeam@firstuusandiego.org