

# Beds WithOut Breakfast

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Since 2007 “grandmother” hosts across Canada, and more recently in the UK, have been welcoming fellow members of the Grandmothers’ Campaign to their homes for Beds WithOut Breakfast (BWOB). This programme in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation is intended for members of registered grandmother groups, regular SLF volunteers, and, in some cases, their friends and family. It is not open to members of the general public. Hosts provide accommodation for 1-3 nights in return for a donation to the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Despite the name, many hosts include a light breakfast and all include a warm welcome.

How does it work? Interested hosts contact [lindataberner@yahoo.ca](mailto:lindataberner@yahoo.ca) for details on getting registered. Would-be guests may also contact Linda or the hosts directly. Please indicate your granny group in your inquiry. Arrangements should be made well in advance, since hosts are not typically in the bed and breakfast business, so may be away or unavailable for extended periods. A few homes are suitable for just one guest, but most can accommodate travelling companions and some accept referred friends and family members. Unless mutually convenient other arrangements are made, guests should plan to arrive in the evening and leave in the morning, making their own plans for daytime activities. Access to the host’s living areas is at the host’s discretion. Payment is made by the guest paying the host who in turn sends a donation to the Foundation, along with a donor form as hosts are eligible for a tax receipt. Unless stated otherwise, suggested donations are per room per night and cash is generally preferred.

We encourage grandmothers and grandothers to consider the programme when making travel plans for a weekend away or a major tour. Apart from the obvious benefit to travelling grannies in getting a room for much less than they would otherwise have to pay, this is a great opportunity to meet and network with members of other groups in different parts of the country. Most importantly, this is another source of funds to support the wonderful work done by the Foundation in helping our African counterparts.

Please direct any questions, comments or concerns to [lindataberner@yahoo.ca](mailto:lindataberner@yahoo.ca). Potential guests writing to Linda should please specify the home about which you are inquiring.

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The following listings are arranged in a very approximate east to west order, with the exception of the UK homes which are at the end of the list.

## Nova Scotia

**Tatamagouche**, Tiny home, self-contained accommodation adjacent to family cottage on a beautiful beach in sheltered Amet Bay, with nice warm water. Very comfortable queen size bed, table and chairs for two and a dresser. Amenities include indoor plumbing and shower as well as a mini kitchen nook suitable for simple meals and snacks, a mini fridge, microwave and coffee pot.

It is located between Tatamagouche (10 miles away) and River John, on the route to Cape Breton and the Cabot Trail, also near Pictou and New Glasgow, home of the first Scots emigrating to Nova Scotia. Tatamagouche is a pretty little town with interesting shops, restaurants and a brewery. Nearby the lovely early 1920's Pictou Lodge features kayaking, biking and lovely walks as well as a first class restaurant. Available June, July and September. Max. guests usually 2 but additional guests may occasionally be accommodated in main cottage. Max 5 nights. Suggested donation \$50 per night. If no reply to email please call 902 225 0646. Photos available on request.

Contact [earleretson46@gmail.com](mailto:earleretson46@gmail.com)

## New Brunswick

**Shediac Bridge**, Waterfront home with private beach offering 2 guest bedrooms, 1 with queen bed and 1 in self contained "bachelor" apartment with twin sofa beds, for max. 4 guests for a negotiable number of nights. No smoking; pets negotiable. Close to beaches with warmest water north of Virginia Near Moncton, Magnetic Hill, Fundy Park and other parks. Will accept friends/family referred by grannies. Suggested donation \$50- \$100 per night.

Please contact [gibbibas2@gmail.com](mailto:gibbibas2@gmail.com)

## Quebec

**Morin- Heights**, Bungalow in central Laurentians offering bedroom with double bed, max. 2 people for max. 3 nights, no smoking/pets. Internet access inside and trail access outside. Hiking, cycling in summer and skiing and snowshoeing in the winter. Close to the Village of Morin-Heights with all the services needed. <https://www.morinheights.com/>. Will accept friends/family referred by grannies.

Suggested donation \$50 per night.

Contact [krose@sympatico.ca](mailto:krose@sympatico.ca)

## Ontario

**Ottawa**, 4 storey home with powder room but no bedroom on the main floor, has 2 guest bedrooms available on second floor, one with twin beds, one with queen and A/C, shared bathroom, and/or lower level den with double Murphy bed and own bathroom, for max. 3 guests, max. 3 nights. No smoking/pets. Pleasant garden to enjoy in the summer months. Centrally located near Dow's Lake, the World Heritage Rideau Canal and restaurants of the Corso Italia (Preston Street), close to bus routes to take you to all the museums, Parliament Buildings, National Arts Centre and National Gallery. Neighbourhood is adjacent to the Glebe and is a 5 block walk to Bank Street. Several bikes available for use. Grannies/SLF volunteers + guests referred by grannies welcome. Suggested donation \$50. Hosts match guests' donation.

Contact [catherinebell@theottawahometeam.com](mailto:catherinebell@theottawahometeam.com)

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**Petawawa**, former 4-Star Bed & Breakfast, two storey home on the Petawawa River, the entire second floor available to guests, includes two bedrooms (one with queen bed, the other with queen and single beds), 4 piece bathroom and lounge, with fridge and tea/coffee/cold beverages. Up to 5 guests, max. 3 nights. No smoking, ask about pets. Close to Algonquin Park, white water rafting on the Ottawa River, Garrison Petawawa. Will accept family and friends referred by grannies. Suggested donation \$50 per night.

Contact [ostrom@nrtco.net](mailto:ostrom@nrtco.net)

**Belleville**, two storey home offering two rooms with double beds upstairs plus single bed downstairs for max. 5 guests, length of stay negotiable. No smoking, no pets- cat in home. Short drive to Sandbanks and Presqu'île provincial parks, Kingston. Will accept family and friends referred by grannies. Suggested donation \$50 per night per room.

Contact [lennoxcj@yahoo.com](mailto:lennoxcj@yahoo.com)

**Fenelon Falls**, two storey home offering 3 bedrooms, one of which is on the ground floor, each room with double bed, for max. 4 guests, max. 3 nights. No pets, smoking permitted outside. Swimming, fishing, golfing, antiques, live theatre available locally with all the attractions of Toronto 2 hours away. Will accept friends/family referred by grannies. Suggested donation \$30.

Contact [gdbachman@yahoo.com](mailto:gdbachman@yahoo.com)

**Welland**, 2 storey detached home in the heart of Niagara peninsula offering a private finished basement suite with 1 bedroom with double bed, full bathroom and sitting room with couch for max. 2 guests, max. 2 nights. 20 minutes from St. Catharines to the north, Port Colborne to the south, Niagara Falls to the east. Nearby attractions in addition to the Falls include the Shaw Festival at Niagara on the Lake. No smoking/no pets. Will accept family/friends referred by grannies. Suggested donation \$50 per night including light breakfast.

Contact [lindataberner@yahoo.ca](mailto:lindataberner@yahoo.ca) who will forward requests.

**Aurora**, condo backing onto treed conservation area in gated community, guest room in loft area with queen sized bed, bathroom and adjacent sitting area, max. 2 guests, max. 3 nights. No smoking/pets. Wonderland, McMichael Gallery, Unionville Village within 30 min. drive. Grannies/SLF volunteers + travelling companions only. Suggested donation \$40.

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**Toronto**, Built 1930, 1 and 1/2 storey home in Swansea, offers guest room with a double bed on the main floor with a bathroom with a tub and shower beside it. 1-2 guests for max. 3 nights. Pets accepted. Hypoallergenic dog in home. No smoking. Hosts' bedroom is upstairs so guest would have privacy at night. Near Jane subway, High Park, Humber River, Lake Ontario, Bloor West shopping district. Grannies/SLF volunteers + travelling companions only. Suggested donation \$35.

Contact [lindataberner@yahoo.ca](mailto:lindataberner@yahoo.ca) who will forward requests

**Midland**, detached home in downtown Midland offering 1 room with double bed for 1-2 guests, max. 3 nights, no smoking, pets ok. Beaches, water sports, walking, historical (St. Marie Among the Hurons), wetlands, birding. Will accept friends/family referred by grannies. Suggested donation \$30.

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**Muskoka - Port Severn**, complete 2 bedroom cottage on Six Mile lake, (hosts in neighbouring cottage,) 10 minutes drive off highway 400, 2 hours north of Toronto, each bedroom has one double bed, 2 futons in living area + 2 bed bunkie, for max. 4 adults + 4 children, max. 3 nights, June-Sept. only. No smoking or pets. Outdoor shower with hot water, indoor toilet and washbasin. Use of canoe and 3 kayaks (life jackets provided). Will accept grandmothers and their families only. Suggested donation--\$100 per night for cottage regardless of number of guests, to include breakfast. Possible dinner available.

Contact [sheilaandcherry@gmail.com](mailto:sheilaandcherry@gmail.com)

**Hamilton** 2 Queen beds on quiet cul-de-sac. This is a 5-star Airbnb on quiet cul-de-sac offering bedroom with one queen bed and rec room with queen pull out sofa for max 4 guests, max 2 nights Must be OK with stairs. Smoking outside only. Friendly, neutered dogs welcome; note male neutered dog in home. Close to buses, local eateries, Locke Street shopping, groceries, etc, and easy access to hiking trails, Niagara wine district, Niagara Falls (1 hour) and Toronto (1hour). Will accept friends and family referred by Grannies. Suggested donation \$60 for 1 guest or \$90 for 2 guests per room.

Contact [kathryncowley@gmail.com](mailto:kathryncowley@gmail.com)

**Cambridge**, new bungalow with tranquil Oriental patio garden in quiet area of West Galt, offering basement level guest room (with windows) with queen size bed + double foam mattress and 4 piece bath for max. 4 guests, max. 3 nights, no smoking/pets. Area offers great cycling, riverside walking trails, University of Waterloo School of Architecture, African Lion Safari. Will accept family/ friends referred by grannies. Suggested donation \$35 per night.

Contact [pwheff@golden.net](mailto:pwheff@golden.net)

**Meaford**, Attached bungalow unit in 55+ accessible community in small town on Georgian Bay, offering one queen bed and bathroom on the main floor, and a double bed and extra long single plus bathroom downstairs, for max. 4 guests, length of stay negotiable. Guests have use of the kitchen for breakfast (or there are several good breakfast restaurants in town). A car is a necessity. Home has immediate access to the Georgian Trail (one bike available), 10km drive to access the Bruce Trail. Will accept family/ friends referred by grannies. Suggested donation \$40 per night.

Contact [lindataberner@yahoo.ca](mailto:lindataberner@yahoo.ca) who will forward requests.

**Point Edward (Sarnia)**, one bedroom with queen bed and sofa in family room plus bathroom in lower part of house, for max. 2/3 people for max. 2 nights. No smoking, small dogs an option. Friendly non shedding small dog in home. Use of kitchen, large backyard and deck. Walking distance to waterfront and Bluewater Bridge to Port Huron, Michigan. Will accept friends/family referred by grannies. Suggested donation \$45 per night.

Contact [njcrossman@hotmail.com](mailto:njcrossman@hotmail.com)

## Manitoba

**Winnipeg**, 2 storey home in St Vital suburb (SE) offering one room with double bed and another with single bed; full bathroom; light breakfast, for max. 3 people, length of stay negotiable, no smoking no pets. Will accept friends/family referred by grannies. Suggested donation \$40 for double room, \$30 for single room.

Contact [dianesabourin@mymts.net](mailto:dianesabourin@mymts.net)

## Saskatchewan

**Regina**, bungalow in south east neighbourhood offering private basement bedroom with one queen-sized bed and attached 3-piece (shower) bathroom for max. 2 guests, length of stay negotiable. Deck and backyard may be enjoyed in the summer. No smoking. Prefer no pets but also negotiable. Walking trails, leisure centre, library, and lots more within short driving distance, such as Legislative Building, Royal Saskatchewan Museum, shopping, restaurants. Close to public transportation. Grannies/volunteers and travel companions welcome. Suggested donation \$45 per night, light breakfast included.

Contact [sfahlman@sasktel.net](mailto:sfahlman@sasktel.net)

**Moose Jaw**, cosy, bright bungalow across from park and walking trail, offering one upstairs room with double bed; two rooms in recently finished basement with 2 piece bathroom (bathtub upstairs), one room has double bed, large room with T.V. and sauna has a queen bed and a double futon. Pleasant patio and backyard. Max. 5 guests for max. 3 nights. No smoking/ pets. Attractions include Temple Gardens Mineral Spa; historical downtown with tunnel tours; performing arts centre; Western Development Museum. Will accept friends/family referred by grannies. Suggested donation \$30 per room.

Contact [ayers@sasktel.net](mailto:ayers@sasktel.net)

## Alberta

**Edmonton**, offering guest bedroom with queen bed and own bathroom with shower in finished basement, for max 2 people, max. 3 nights. In South Edmonton close to University Hospital. No smoking, no pets. (Dog in home.) On bus route with links to LRT. Grannies and their families/SLF volunteers only. Suggested donation \$30.

Contact [uhrbach@gmail.com](mailto:uhrbach@gmail.com)

**Didsbury**, offering 2 guest bedrooms downstairs with shared bathroom, shower room upstairs: 1 queen bed (which can become 2 twin) and 1 double for max 4 people, max 3 nights. No smoking/pets. Set in the rolling foothills of the Rockies, 10 miles west of Didsbury in rural Alberta on a quarter section about 3/4 hour north of Calgary International Airport, about an hour north of the Calgary Stampede Grounds, near Banff to the south and the Royal Tyrrell Museum, Drumheller. Will accept friends/family referred by grannies. Suggested donation \$30 per room including breakfast.

Contact [ejw@airenet.com](mailto:ejw@airenet.com)

## British Columbia

**Nelson**, ranch style home offering self contained space in daylight walkout basement with large windows and a deck available to sit out on and enjoy the amazing view, 1 bedroom with a queen bed, private full bathroom with tub, family room with T.V., wifi, private kitchen with fridge, stove, sink coffee maker and kettle, for 1-2 people, max. 3 nights, no smoking, no pets. 15 minute walk from Taghum Beach, lovely in the summer and a 15 minute drive from downtown Nelson in a rural area that is very quiet and peaceful. Grannies/volunteers and their travel companions only. Suggested donation \$40.

Contact [cklaybourne@shaw.ca](mailto:cklaybourne@shaw.ca)

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**Genelle (nearTrail)**, large home offering 2 guest bedrooms for max. 5 guests, max. 3 nights. One room has queen bed, other has  $\frac{3}{4}$  bed and 2 singles. Guests have own bathroom. No smoking, small, friendly dogs accepted, Sheltie in home. Conveniently located for major routes, Nelson, Castlegar and Rossland. Grannies and their families/SLF volunteers only. Suggested donation \$50 per room.

Contact [joansheloff@hotmail.com](mailto:joansheloff@hotmail.com)

**Kamloops**, medium sized family home offering 2 spare bedrooms with double beds for up to 3 guests for max. 3 nights, no smoking/pets. Simple breakfast included. Kamloops is a convenient stopping off spot between the Rockies and the coast. Close proximity to lakes, hiking, golf in summer and skiing in winter. Grannies and their families/SLF volunteers only. Suggested donation \$40.

Contact [mmbaker5@telus.net](mailto:mmbaker5@telus.net)

**Maple Ridge**, two rooms with double beds and private bathroom available on lower floor of 5 unit multi-family complex, for max. 4 guests, max. 3 nights. No smoking, small pets accepted. Quiet street with garden at the back and a view of the Fraser River. One block to Westcoast Express commuter train station, 1 hour to the Waterfront Station in downtown Vancouver, 40 kms away. Walking distance to the local downtown. Nearby Golden Ears Provincial Park has camping, hiking, swimming. There are many places for swimming, boating, fishing. Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows together have about 50 km of dykes for walking and cycling - mountain views all around. Grannies/SLF volunteers and their travel companions only. Suggested donation \$35 per couple.

Contact [lindaking7@gmail.com](mailto:lindaking7@gmail.com)

**Surrey**, townhouse in gated community with gorgeous backyard. One queen size bed and one queen sized pullout plus futon in small area suitable for a child. Up to 4 guests for max. 3 nights, no smoking/pets. Small poodle in home. Close to White Rock beach, Crescent Beach, and the U.S. Border crossing. Grannies/SLF volunteers + travelling companions only. Suggested donation \$60.

Contact [lindataberner@yahoo.ca](mailto:lindataberner@yahoo.ca) who will forward requests.

**Vancouver**, totally updated 3 storey home built in 1939, offering 3 rooms for max. 6 guests, max. 3 nights. 1 room on main floor has a private bathroom with shower and tub, queen sized bed, T.V. 2 bedrooms on the second floor share one bathroom with tub and shower - 1 bedroom has a queen sized bed and a T.V., 1 bedroom has a double bed. All rooms have hardwood floors, wifi and central air during the warm months. Hot tub available for use. No smoking/pets. (Home has 2 friendly dogs.) On street parking. Centrally located on bus route to downtown which is only 15 minutes away, convenient for all of Vancouver's main attractions. Van Deusen Botanical Gardens a few blocks away, Queen Elizabeth park is a 5 minute drive. Grannies/SLF volunteers and their travel companions only. Suggested donation per room \$60 for 1 person, \$75 per couple, breakfast included.

Contact [lindataberner@yahoo.ca](mailto:lindataberner@yahoo.ca) who will forward requests.

**Vancouver**, home on Capilano River in West Vancouver, North Shore, close to downtown, spare room and bathroom suitable for up to 2 guests, max. 3 nights. Sunroom has extra sleeping space and wash basin. Lovely deck for quiet time, easy walk to shopping centre, restaurants, bus service and seaside park. No smoking/pets. Will accept friends/family referred by grannies. Suggested donation \$45 including light breakfast.

Contact Sandra [sysinbc@icloud.com](mailto:sysinbc@icloud.com)

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**Sidney**, townhouse offering one small guestroom with queen-sized bed for max. 2 guests, max. 3 nights. No smoking, no pets. Easy access to ferries to mainland or for guests without a car, a few blocks from buses into Victoria with its attractions. 1 woman's bike and 1 man's bike available for guests to borrow, along with cycling map, and hosts can accompany if wished and if available. Grannies/SLF volunteers and their travel companions only. Suggested donation \$40 for one, \$50 for two, including light breakfast.

Contact [dijokinen@icloud.com](mailto:dijokinen@icloud.com)

**Victoria**, family home in quiet neighbourhood, 10 minutes from downtown, 1 km to ocean and beautiful Oceanside trail to Victoria Harbour, 2 adjoining rooms, bedroom with queen sized bed and ensuite bathroom, sitting room with sofa bed, kitchenette with fridge and microwave. Internet. Up to 4 people, max. 3 nights, own guest entrance. No smoking, pets accepted. Easy access to BC Museum, Maritime Museum, Naval Museum, Butchart Gardens, Legislative Building, Whale watching, hiking, cycling trails, etc. Grannies, friends/family of grannies and SLF volunteers. Suggested donation \$60.

Contact [susan7powell@gmail.com](mailto:susan7powell@gmail.com)

**Victoria**, Dockside Green condo offering 1 room with daybed and with private bathroom across the hall for max 2 guests, (prefer 1 female but couples accepted,) max. 2 nights. No smoking, small dog acceptable. Located between the Bay St and Johnson St bridges with views of the Gorge waterway, directly on the Galloping Goose Trail. Ideal for cycling, walking 10 minutes to downtown Victoria, close to the West Song Walkway on the Pacific side from Vic West to Esquimalt. Will accept female friends/family members referred by grannies. Suggested donation \$60 per night.

Contact [marionpape@shaw.ca](mailto:marionpape@shaw.ca)

**Parksville**, semi detached bungalow (2 steps to entrance) offering one bedroom with 2 twin beds and private bath/shower for max, 2 guests, max. 3 nights. No pets, no smoking. Set in the beautiful Craig Bay community, a 10 minute walk to the beach, with its summer beach fest (free music and sandcastle competition). Other area attractions include hiking, and an hour away is Mount Washington for skiing. Light breakfast, (i.e., fruit, granola, yoghurt, tea/coffee) included. Grannies/volunteers and their travel companions only. Suggested donation \$60 per night per couple.

Contact [tedandcnichols@shaw.ca](mailto:tedandcnichols@shaw.ca)

**Courtenay**, mostly self contained annex with own level access entrance providing living room with kitchenette, main bedroom with queen bed and en suite with toilet/washbasin, loft area above with 2 single beds, fine for children. Annex has door to adjoining main home for use of shower/bath. Max 4 guests for max. 3 nights. No smoking, pets welcome. Close to Mount Washington ski and bike resort. Grannies/volunteers and their travel companions only. Light breakfast included. Suggested donation \$50-\$75 per night depending on number of guests.

Contact [lindataberner@yahoo.ca](mailto:lindataberner@yahoo.ca) who will forward requests.

**Courtenay**, one bedroom with double sized Ikea futon. Private bathroom. Use of kitchen and garden for snacks and relaxing. No children or pets. Grannies and partners welcome. Suggested donation \$50.

Contact [gardenmagpie2@gmail.com](mailto:gardenmagpie2@gmail.com) or call 250 207 4911

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**Comox**, modern house with back yard and deck offering one room with queen-sized bed and en-suite bathroom for max. 2 guests, max. 2 nights. Simple breakfast provided. Small dogs accepted, no smoking. Close to Comox with restaurants, stores and beautiful harbour, beaches, hiking, whale watching, golf and skiing at Mount Washington. Grannies/volunteers and travel companions welcome. Suggested donation \$55.

Contact [lindataberner@yahoo.ca](mailto:lindataberner@yahoo.ca) who will forward requests.

## British Bed and Breakfast

Accommodation offered is in the county of Surrey which is in the south-east of England and borders on the greater London area. It is noted for its beautiful countryside and walking routes, attractive old towns and villages, and access to the south coast, as well as its proximity to London, and the capital's major international airports (Heathrow and Gatwick). There is public access to many places and buildings of historical interest, e.g. Hampton Court Palace, Petworth House, Runnymede (where in 1215 King John was said to have sealed the Magna Carta), Royal Horticultural Society's gardens, to name but a few.

**Suggested donation: £60 double, £40 single per night /room including breakfast**

**All U.K. Enquiries: [grandmothers4@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:grandmothers4@hotmail.co.uk)**

**Guildford**, A family house close to the cathedral and university campus. 15-20 minute walk from the mainline railway station (quarter or half hourly trains to London, 35 minutes, direct train to Gatwick airport 45 mins), but also on bus route to station and town centre or direct to Heathrow airport. The hosts can offer one double bedroom; max two guests for up to 3 nights. No smokers or pets. Will accept family and friend referred by grannies.

Guildford is the historic county town of Surrey. It was established by Saxon settlers and appears in the Domesday Book of 1086 as 'Geldeford' and 'Gildeford'. It is situated about half-way between London and the south coast with frequent rail services into Central London (35 minute rail journey) and to Portsmouth (1 hour). Guildford has a castle, a large selection of shops, a cobbled high street, cathedral, university, theatres, and a wide range of pubs and restaurants.

**Cranleigh**, A family house offering 1 double room with king sized bed (also separates into 2 singles) wash basin and shower. Next to bathroom. Max. 2 guests for up to 3 nights. The house is in the Green Belt on the edge of the Surrey Hills (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty), and on the Guildford bus route. No smoking. Will accept family and friend referred by grannies.

Cranleigh is the largest village in England, has a full range of shops, restaurants and amenities. Frequent bus service to Guildford (20 mins).