



## **Eight Days of Hope – Buffalo 2023**

**July 15<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

### **What are the plans for Eight Days of Hope – Buffalo 2023?**

Eight Days of Hope will be leading volunteers from the local church, the Western New York (WNY) community, and from across the country, as we plan to serve at least 100 families in the Lovejoy District with free home repairs.

### **How does one volunteer?**

You can sign-up to volunteer on our website by clicking the “Events” button on our homepage.

### **Does a volunteer have to attend all eight days?**

No, we do ask that you volunteer for at least two full days at the event.

### **Can we bring our children? What about youth groups, can they attend?**

Yes, Eight Days of Hope is family friendly! Every youth volunteer (under the age of 18) that comes with an adult who is not their parent or legal guardian must bring a notarized Parental Consent form signed by one of his/her parents or legal guardian. These forms can be found on our website on the Buffalo event page. We are asking for one adult chaperone per four youth. Please remember that there will be unique sleeping arrangements separated by gender if you need lodging.

### **What is the cost to attend?**

It is free! We provide food and lodging. We rely on churches, businesses, and individuals for donations. If you are interested in helping to sponsor this event, please email [edohbuffalo@eightdaysofhope.com](mailto:edohbuffalo@eightdaysofhope.com).

### **What are the sleeping arrangements?**

If you are from outside the WNY region and need lodging, we will provide sleeping accommodations. We will assign lodging when you arrive. Lodging is separated by gender.

Volunteers bring air mattresses, cots, and/or sleeping bags. We will provide a safe place for you to sleep with shower trailers on site. Lodging will be provided at local churches.

**Will there be any RV spots available?**

Yes. Please be prepared to be self-contained.

**If I want to book a hotel room at my own expense, are you recommending a particular hotel?**

Yes. Staybridge Suites, Buffalo Amherst. It is located at 1290 Sweet Home Road, Amherst, NY 14228. They have offered a rate for \$129 per night, while supplies last.

**Do I have to bring my own food?**

No. Local volunteers who are not utilizing our lodging will be provided lunch and are welcome to stay for dinner. We provide all meal for volunteers who are lodging with us.

**What kind of work will we be doing?**

There is something for everyone! The 100 families that we will be serving are in need of landscaping, painting, roofing, plumbing, electrical and carpentry work. All skill sets are needed.

**Should we bring tools?**

We will provide all tools to complete each project we will be working on. If you feel more comfortable using your own, you are welcome to bring them.

**Can we bring our pets?**

Sorry, but no pets are allowed.

**What will be a typical day serving with Eight Days of Hope?**

Breakfast will start at 6:00 am for our out-of-town guests. At 7:00 am, all the volunteers are asked to be at the headquarters for a short time of announcements, worship, and devotion. At 7:30 am everyone will leave to serve the families. Lunch will be delivered or taken to the sites by the volunteers. Dinner will begin at 5:30 pm. In the evenings, we ask that you invite the family you are serving back for dinner. At 7:00 pm we offer an optional time of worship and devotion. The day ends at 7:30 pm, the only exception will be Sunday, the 16th. We encourage the volunteers to visit a local church. We will start the day of volunteering at 11:00 am.

**What times can we arrive to “check in” to Eight Days of Hope and where do we go?**

On Friday the 14th, the check-in area will be open from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Every day after the 14th and through the 21st, the check-in area will be open from 6:30 am – 8:00 pm. Please check-in at Elim Christian Fellowship Church. This will be our headquarters for the eight-day outreach. The address is: 70 Chalmers Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14214.

**If I am a local volunteer, what time do you expect me on the day I am scheduled to volunteer?**

We suggest arriving by 7:00 am to check in and get your t-shirt. We will have a short orientation before we send you out to serve!

**How does a volunteer receive a ticket to Six Flags to attend Kingdom Bound?**

If you serve with Eight Days of Hope for 3 full days, you will receive a **one-day pass** to attend Kingdom Bound at Six Flags – Darien Lake! We will stamp your name badge each day you serve. Once you have three stamps, turn your name badge into the front office and we will give you your pass!

**What should I bring?**

Eight Days of Hope will provide an event t-shirt for you to wear while you serve. In addition, please bring the following:

- Jeans
- Good working boots or shoes
- Gloves
- Bible
- Sunscreen
- Case of water
- Linens, pillow, blanket, sleeping bag, air mattress or cot (if you are lodging with us)
- Towel, Toiletries

**Does Eight Days of Hope have a promotional video for my church or place of business to share on social media?**

Yes! You can find the promotional video on our website and on our YouTube channel. Please search “EDOH – Buffalo 2023 Promotional Video”.

**What else can we do to prepare for Eight Days of Hope – Buffalo 2023?**

Please pray for the families that we are serving, and that God would be glorified by our actions. Pray for safety, both while we work and for travel mercies for the volunteers. If you have any additional questions, please email [edohbuffalo@eightdaysofhope.com](mailto:edohbuffalo@eightdaysofhope.com) or call 716-491-7161.

See you in Buffalo!