



Eight Days of Hope – Buffalo 2024 July 20th-27th, 2024

What are the plans for Eight Days of Hope – Buffalo 2024?

Eight Days of Hope will be leading volunteers from the Western New York (WNY) community and from across the country as we plan to serve at least 100 families in the Ellicott 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 Buffalo is family-friendly! Every youth volunteer, (under the age of 18) who comes with an adult who is not their parent, must bring a notarized Parental Consent form signed by one of his/her parents. These forms can be found on our website on the Buffalo event page. We are asking for one adult chaperone per four youth. This is required for the separate lodging arrangements as well. Please remember that there will be unique sleeping arrangements separated in different locations by gender.

What is the cost to attend?

It is free! We provide food and lodging. Join us with a willing heart to serve. We rely on churches, businesses, individuals and our volunteers for donations. If you are interested in helping to sponsor this event, please email 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. Please be aware lodging is separated by gender, and the two separate lodging locations for men and women are 15 minutes away from one another. The lodging locations are also 15 minutes away from the headquarters.

Transportation between locations is not provided, but volunteers are willing to help those who need transportation to and from headquarters to lodging locations. 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, what hotel does EDOH recommend?

Yes. Holiday Inn Express, 131 Buell Ave, Cheektowaga, NY 14225, has given us a discounted rate of \$129 a night. This discounted rate is good until July 13th. Please be sure to call the front desk and inform them you are with Eight Days of Hope, [click here](#), or scan the QR code to the right.



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. Volunteers who are lodging with us will be provided with all meals.

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?

Yes! Please bring any tools that you can, especially those that you would anticipate using for any of the above-mentioned tasks. You will pick the type of work you do and can volunteer as a team at some sites. We also will provide tools if needed.

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 5:00 pm and end at 6:30 pm. At 6:45 pm we offer an optional time of worship and devotion. The day ends at 7:30 pm. The only exception will be Sunday, the 21st. We encourage the volunteers to visit a local church, and we will start the day of volunteering at noon.

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

On Friday the 19th, the check-in area will be open from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Every day after the 19th and through the 26th, 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 church's address is: 70 Chalmers Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14214. If you plan to use google maps, the churches address tends to lead you to an incorrect location so please input this address: **230 Holden St. Buffalo, NY 14214** – this is the Dollar General next door to Elim Christian Fellowship Church.

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

Please arrive 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! If you are serving with a group of 10+ people, please reach out to edohbuffalo@eightdaysofhope.com to coordinate a new, smoother registration and check-in process for your group.

To speed up your morning process as well, we encourage you to attend orientation on Friday night the 19th. This allows you, then, to get to the homeowner's home faster on the day you arrive to serve.

When are Terrian and Ben Fuller coming, and do I have to volunteer that day to attend?

Ben Fuller is coming on Saturday, July 20th and Terrian is coming on Friday, July 26th! We are so excited for both of these amazing artists to lead us in a time of worship.

You do not have to serve on the day they are coming to attend! We invite you to bring your family and friends to join us for these wonderful concerts at Elim Christian Fellowship Church. The concerts start promptly at 7 p.m.

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. You can turn your name badge in to the registration desk on the evening after completing your third full day of service, 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
- Linens, pillow, blanket, sleeping bag, air mattress or cot (if you are lodging with us)
- Towel, Toiletries
- Case of water
- Bug spray

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 2024 Promotional Video".

What else can we do to prepare for Eight Days of Hope – Buffalo 2024?

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 or call 716-491-7161.