



Eight Days of Hope – Buffalo 2026

July 18th - 25th, 2026

What are the plans for Eight Days of Hope – Buffalo 2026?

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 South District with free home repairs.

How do I volunteer?

You can sign-up to volunteer on our website by clicking the “Events” button at the top of our homepage ([Home - Eight Days of Hope](#)).

Does a volunteer have to attend all eight days?

No, but 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) that comes with an adult who is **not** their parent must bring a notarized Parental Consent form signed by one of his/her parents. Please note: **there will be no exceptions to this rule.** 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 needed 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. Volunteers will need to 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/schools.

Will there be any RV spots available?

There will be limited RV spots on a first come, first serve basis. When our RV spots are full, we will update the sign-up form. If we fill our RV spots, here are two local options you could reserve on your own expense, if you'd like:

1. Shamrock Mobile Home | 1883 Electric Ave, Lackawanna, NY 14218
2. HTR Niagara | 2659 Whitehaven Rd, Grand Island, NY 14072 **this location would require you to go through a toll road*

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

Yes. Holiday Inn Express, 131 Buell Ave, Cheektowaga, NY 14225, has given us a discounted rate of \$149 a night. This discounted rate is good until July 1st. Please be sure to call the front desk and inform them you are with Eight Days of Hope or click [here](#) to book on the web.

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 all meals. We do our best to provide a variety of options but cannot fully accommodate for all dietary needs.

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. We also provide tools if needed.

Can we bring our pets?

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 church 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 6:00 pm. At 6:00 pm we offer an optional time of worship and devotion. The day ends at 6:30 pm. The only exception will be Sunday, the 19th. We encourage the volunteers to visit a local church, and we will start the day of volunteering at 12:30 pm.

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

On Friday the 17th, the check-in area will be open from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Every day after the 17th and through the 24th, the check-in area will be open from 6:30 am – 7:00 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?

We request that you 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 15-20+ people **on the same day**, please reach out to Nicole Germain (nicoleg@eightdaysofhope.com) to coordinate an alternative, smoother registration and check-in process for your group. If you are leading a youth group, please be sure to bring your entire group to registration in order to ensure a smooth check-in.

To speed up your morning process as well, we encourage you to attend orientation on Friday night the 17th. This allows you to get to the jobsite where you are serving quickly if you are serving on the 18th.

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 at the end of each day you serve. Once you have three stamps, show your name badge to the front office and you will be given a pass!

Will there be any concerts during the event?

Yes, Eight Days of Hope is excited to host two concerts during our EDOH – Buffalo 2026 outreach. Both concerts are FREE and open to the public, with special seating reserved for our EDOH volunteers. The location of the concerts is Elim Christian Fellowship Church (70 Chalmers Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14214).

Terrian is joining us on Monday, July 20 at 7 pm. Band Reeves is joining us on Thursday, July 23 at 7 pm. We hope to see you there for both!

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

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. For Youtube, please search “EDOH – Buffalo 2026 Promotional Video”.

What else can we do to prepare for Eight Days of Hope – Buffalo 2026?

Please pray for the families that we will be serving, and that God would be glorified by our actions. Pray for safety 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.