



## **Eight Days of Hope - Buffalo**

**Buffalo, NY July 19<sup>th</sup> – July 26th, 2019**

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

Eight Days of Hope is launching a new initiative in Buffalo, New York. We will be leading volunteers from the local church, the Western NY community and from across the country, as we plan to serve 100 families in the University District in Buffalo with free repairs to their homes. Eight Days of Hope has decided to launch this effort as a way to love and serve this community. Our hope is that this outreach planned for eight days will then continue every year in July.

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

You can only volunteer on our website under the words “Volunteer” 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.

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

It is free! We provide food and lodging. You just have to show up with a willing heart to serve. We rely on churches, businesses, individuals and our volunteers for donations. If you are interested in sponsoring this event please let us know.

### **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 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?**

We will offer free RV accommodations. We will provide a place for you to park your RV and have access to water and power.

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

Yes, Eight Days of Hope will have a hotel that we will suggest to you by May 1<sup>st</sup> or earlier. This hotel will offer you a discounted rate. Please check back for that information.

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

No. Local volunteers who are not utilizing our lodging will be provided lunch. Volunteers who are lodging with us will be provided all their 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 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 that 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.** We are asking for one adult chaperone per four youth. Please remember that there will be unique sleeping arrangements separated by gender if you are needing lodging.

**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 for that day are invited to attend a 10-15 special time of worship and devotion. At 7:30 everyone will leave to serve the families. Lunch will be delivered or taken to the sites by the volunteers. Supper will begin at 6:00 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. The only exception will be Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup>, the check-in area will be open from **6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. Please do not come earlier that day as our host church has a wedding until 5:30. Every day after the 19<sup>th</sup> and through the 26<sup>th</sup>, the check-in area will be open from **6:30 am – 8:00 pm**. Please check-in at **Elim Fellowship Christian Church**. This will be our headquarters for the eight-day outreach. The address is: **70 Chalmers, Buffalo, New York 14214**.

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

We suggest coming by 6:30 am to check in and get your t-shirt. After the morning announcements, you will sit through a 20-minute orientation and then you will be released to serve!

## **How does a volunteer receive a “commuter ticket” to Kingdom Bound?**

Kingdom Bound is a Christian Music Festival held at Six Flags – Dairen Lake. They are one of our sponsors for this event. The dates of the festival are July 28<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>. If you volunteer at least three days you will receive one commuter ticket for any day of your choosing. We will distribute the commuter tickets on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>. This ticket will allow you to attend KB for one day at no charge but does not cover transportation. Kingdom Bound’s website is: [kingdombound.org](http://kingdombound.org). We will also offer a way for you to purchase additional tickets.

## **What should I bring?**

- Jeans, Good working boots or shoes
- Gloves
- Bible
- 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?**

Yes! You can find the two-minute promotional video on our website and on our YouTube channel.

## **What else can we do to prepare for Eight Days of Hope - Buffalo?**

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 [info@eightdaysofhope.com](mailto:info@eightdaysofhope.com) or call 662-844-6934.

**See you in Buffalo!**