

Seventh Annual Interfaith Works Project 2018

FEBRUARY 27 TO MAY 31



You CAN!

Help us to complete 59 homes in Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan!

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What is the Interfaith Works Project?

Habitat for Humanity Edmonton, in conjunction with the Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative, has hosted an Interfaith build project for the last six years. This year we hope to see even more participation from Edmonton's faith groups! The Interfaith Works Project encompasses the build sites, prefab shop, landscaping, ReStores, and any other available volunteer opportunities at Habitat for Humanity Edmonton.

The **Seventh Annual Interfaith Works Project** will be held from **February 27 to May 31, 2018**. Any and all faith groups are invited to come out and participate! You can come out and join us!

Visit our website HFH.org

Why Habitat for Humanity?

Habitat for Humanity Edmonton's mission is to mobilize volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing and promoting home ownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty. Interfaith Works is an opportunity for your community to help build a home for a hard-working family who would not be able to purchase a home through a traditional mortgage. This family will be a first-time homeowner and work 500 hours on their homes as their down payment. They will purchase the home from us and pay an interest-free mortgage of which payments are never more than 25 percent of their income.

By volunteering with Habitat for Humanity Edmonton, you are helping local families to break the cycle of poverty and achieve homeownership.

Kick-off and Wrap-up events

All leaders of Faith Groups are invited!

2018 Kick-off event:

Prefab Shop (14135 128 Ave NW)
February 27, 2018
11:30am to 1:00pm

RSVP by February 23: Megan at
mstannard@hfh.org or 780-451-3416 x237.

2018 Wrap-up event:

Location TBA
May 31, 2018
11:30am to 1:00pm

RSVP by May 28: Megan at
mstannard@hfh.org or 780-451-3416 x237.

Minimum Requirements to Volunteer

- All volunteers must register online through our [Volunteer Portal](#). They are required to agree to a Volunteer Release (Waiver) Form and Oath of Confidentiality as part of the registration process.
- Willingness and ability to learn new skills and follow the instructions of Habitat staff independently
- Ability to climb stairs comfortably
- Adequate vision to do detailed work
- Conversational English
- Ability to lift and carry at least 15 pounds
- All volunteers must be over the age of 16. All 16 and 17 year old volunteers must be accompanied to every shift by a parent who will work alongside them.

Please note: our volunteer opportunities are not recommended for people with back problems.

How to GO

Step 1: Decide if you would like to come out individually or as a group

AS AN INDIVIDUAL

Please go to our website, HFH.org/volunteer, to register yourself as a volunteer. Once registered, you will be able to log in and view our Shift Scheduling System and sign up for shifts that work with your schedule!

If you have any technical difficulties, please contact Megan at mstannard@hfh.org or 780-451-3416 x237.

See page 5 for step-by-step instructions on how to register as an individual for Interfaith Works.

AS A GROUP

To get started in bringing out a group, rally your group members! Once you have a group started, please fill out an Interfaith Group Registration Form, and return to the appropriate volunteer coordinator (as listed on the bottom of the form).

If you require a registration form, you can request one from Kim at kdedeugd@hfh.org or 780-451-3416 x232.

Please contact our volunteer coordinator to book your date(s) before setting up your group. Spots can fill up, so you need to secure your date(s) first.

Step 2: Decide which location you would like to volunteer at

CONSTRUCTION

Tuesdays to Saturdays from 8:30am – 4:00pm

Volunteer right on one of our build sites!

Tasks may include:

- Framing
- Insulation
- Drywall mounting
- Painting
- Finishing
- Touch ups
- Construction site cleaning

Locations:

Carter Place (Southeast Edmonton)
Fort Saskatchewan

ReSTORE

Monday to Saturdays from 8:45am – 5:00pm
(Half-days available)

Be a part of Habitat's social enterprise!

Tasks may include:

- Processing donations
- Customer service
- Facing and cleaning merchandise
- Off-loading trailers and delivery trucks

Locations:

ReStore North
ReStore South
ReStore East
ReStore West

Contact Habitat to book dates or gather more information:

To book a Carter Place date: Kim Dedeugd

To book a Fort Sask date: Joanne DeJong

To book a ReStore date: Ryan Widen

kdedeugd@hfh.org | 780 451- 3416 ext 232

jdejong@hfh.org | 780-451-3416 ext 222

rwiden@hfh.org | 780 451-3416 ext 234

How to GIVE

➤ Provide lunch for our volunteers!

Every day on our build sites, dedicated volunteers and the families who are working on their homes enjoy a meal together. If you would like to donate a lunch for our hardworking volunteers, please contact our lunch coordinator, Karen Lofstrand for an Interfaith Lunch Registration form at klofstrand@hfh.org or 780-887-1794.

➤ Donate to Habitat!

Visit our website HFH.org to donate.

➤ Provide snacks for our volunteers!

If you are unable to provide a lunch, consider donating some snacks.

➤ Provide hospitality on site

We have such large numbers at our build sites that we often need a volunteer to help ensure that all volunteers are signed in and to receive our lunch delivery. Contact Megan at mstannadr@hfh.org or 780-451-3416 x237 if you are interested.

➤ Spread the word!

Tell you friend, family and coworkers about this exciting event!

Resources to Learn More and Connect with Us

➤ Social Media & More

Post your selfies and pictures! Or send them to us.

Habitat for Humanity Edmonton:



/HabitatEdmGuy



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@Habitatedm

Watch our Habitat 101 video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3hm1zgV9ko>

Sign up for Habitat's Interfaith newsletter: HFH.org

Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative:



/InterfaithHousing.ca



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For more information or to sign up for this newsletter: www.interfaithhousing.ca

➤ Contact us!

Contact us for poster or a digital copy of this package. Email us at volunteer@hfh.org.

How to register as an individual Interfaith Works volunteer

Please ensure that you join the “Interfaith Event 2018” group, even though you are volunteering as an individual. This is to ensure that your volunteer hours will contribute to the total Interfaith Works Project. Please see step-by-step instructions below:

1. Go to www.HFH.org/volunteer.
Click the green button, “Register to Volunteer”.
This will bring you to our Volunteer Portal.

Register to Volunteer ▶

2. From the Volunteer Portal, click the blue button titled “Group Volunteering”

New Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to join us!

Register as a Volunteer

Group Volunteering

3. If you have not previously volunteered with us click “Register (Adult)” and complete the volunteer registration form.
If you have volunteered with us before please proceed to step 4.

Please note that you must register as an individual before you can join a group:

Register (Adult)

A volunteer 18 years of age OR a parent/legal guardian who will be accompanying a youth volunteer.

4. Click “Join Your Group”, and enter your email address and password.

Join Your Group

5. In the text box type “Interfaith Event”.
Click “Join”.

Join a Group		
Name		
<input type="text" value="interfaith event"/>		<input type="button" value="Reset"/>
Group Name		Description
Interfaith Event 2018	From March 1 - May 31, 2018	<input type="button" value="Join"/>

6. Now that you have joined the Interfaith Event 2018 group, return to the home page. Please scroll to the very bottom of the page and click “Home”.

Questions or concerns?

Contact Volunteer Services
volunteer@hfh.org
(780) 451-3416

Note: we are located in Alberta, Canada

Home

7. Click on “Schedule Shifts” to view our online Shift Scheduler, and sign up for shifts that you are interested in.



Schedule Shifts

Frequently Asked Questions – Interfaith 2018

How can I recruit a group?

Spread the word to others in your Faith Group! Post about this event on social media. Group sizes can be between 3 – 25. You will need to designate one person as the Team Leader.

How do I register my group?

Please contact Kim at 780-451-3416 x232 or kdedeugd@hfh.org to request a copy of our Group Information and Registration Form. Once you have completed and returned the form to the designated Volunteer Coordinator, they will contact you to discuss possible dates for your group.

What if our interested participants don't have any tools or safety gear?

We can lend you everything you need, but we ask that you bring your own work gloves. Please note that construction requires hard hats, steel toed boots and all volunteers must wear long pants. If you have a religious or cultural clothing requirement that restricts you from doing construction, contact Ryan to discuss if the ReStore is a good fit for you: rwiden@hfh.org or 780-451-3416 x234.

What are my responsibilities as an Interfaith Team Leader?

You will act as our main point of contact for your group. We ask that you fill out and return the completed group registration form as the first step as group leader. Once your group is accepted and your volunteer day scheduled, we will forward all instructions/details to you to provide to the rest of your team. These instructions will include: how to register for the volunteer shift and our volunteer requirements.

Who is eligible to volunteer? What are your minimum requirements?

- a. Beginners to tradespeople are welcome. No experience necessary.
- b. Must be at least 16 years old to volunteer, and 16 and 17 year olds must work alongside a parent. There is no upper age limit.
- c. Must be able to work independently, have conversational English and the ability to do labour.

How do I join my group online?

Please see our Group Volunteer Package for all the necessary information about your group's Volunteer Day. This package includes the time, location and date of your group's Volunteer day, along with directions on how you can register as a volunteer on our website and join your group. If your Team Leader has not provided you with a copy of your group's Group Volunteer Package, then please contact them to request a copy.

I am unable to volunteer for a full shift. Can I just come out for a half-day?

We require construction and prefab shop volunteers to stay for the shift (8:30am to 4:00pm). We offer more flexible shifts in our ReStores; contact Ryan for more information at rwiden@hfh.org or 780-451-3416 ext 234.

Contact us with any questions! 780-451-3416 x 237 or volunteer@hfh.org