



Building Community During the Holidays

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For many of us, the holiday season is a time to celebrate with loved ones, gather with friends, and create cherished memories. It's a season filled with joy, connection, and giving. But for some, the holidays can be a challenging time due to housing insecurity, financial struggles, or other life circumstances.

The heart of the holidays goes beyond exchanging gifts or spending time with biological family – it's about building and strengthening your community. Supporting your neighbors, fostering connections, and giving back create a ripple effect that helps everyone thrive and makes our neighborhoods stronger.



Shown: A Child Hanging An Ornament

Volunteer to Spread Cheer and Connection

Volunteering is a meaningful way to foster a sense of community and spread holiday cheer (Enboarder, n.d.). By offering your time, you're not only helping local organizations and neighbors in need but also meeting new people who share your commitment to making a difference. Volunteering brings people together and creates opportunities to connect while contributing to a cause greater than yourself.

If you're looking for ways to get involved, visit our volunteer page at wildrivershahabitat.org/volunteer or call us at 715-939-1390 to learn more about opportunities in your area.

Share Your Traditions

Another way to strengthen community bonds is by sharing personal traditions with friends and colleagues (Enboarder, n.d.). Take time to learn about how others celebrate the holidays and share your own traditions. You might find surprising similarities or discover new ways to celebrate. These shared experiences can create lasting connections and a deeper appreciation for the diversity within your community.

Host an Inclusive Celebration

If you're able, hosting a holiday gathering can be a wonderful way to spread joy and build community (Enboarder, n.d.). Consider inviting people outside of your usual circle – neighbors, coworkers, or community members who might not have plans for the season. Many people are unsure where to go to celebrate during the holidays, and an invitation to a welcoming event can make all the difference. Even a simple gathering can create a sense of belonging and bring people closer together.

Giving Back Beyond the Holidays

While the holiday season is an inspiring time to give back, building a strong sense of community doesn't have to end when the decorations come down. Acts of kindness, volunteering, and fostering connections are important year-round. By incorporating these practices into your daily life, you can create a lasting foundation of support and care for those around you.

Let this season be the start of something bigger – a commitment to building a stronger, more connected community. Whether through volunteering, sharing traditions, or hosting gatherings, every action helps create a brighter future for everyone.

For more ideas on how to give back and get involved, visit our website at wildrivershahabitat.org or reach out to us at 715-939-1390. Together, we can make the holidays and every day a little brighter for everyone.