

# Become a Volunteer

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## Embrace Action with Fairlawn.

Being involved in the social justice and outreach activities of Fairlawn’s Embrace Action Ministry is how Kathy Salisbury says she lives her faith.

“We hear so much terrible news every day and it can be overwhelming. We may not have the solution, but there are things we can do to make a difference and those efforts keep hope alive,” says Kathy, who chairs the Embrace Action Council.

Building relationships with those who are marginalized and helping to create a just society where everyone can live with dignity is what Christ himself modelled, she says.

The opportunities for Fairlawners to serve others are many.

Volunteers can serve meals at the Christian Resource Centre’s community kitchen in Regent

Park. They can drop off food or help with sorting food and serving clients at Lansing United. They can assist in the Walk in Support program every first Tuesday of the month (except for July and August) when Fairlawn opens its doors to those who are struggling to make ends meet. Or they can be part of a team that visits a local boarding home to share food, music, laughter and conversation.

Volunteers can also choose to be part of other Embrace Action programs, including the Reconciliation Ministry that brings Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth together, the Refugee Ministry that provides financial and practical support to

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Volunteers who roll up their sleeves and build relationships gain a better understanding of the issues that create the challenges that they see.

*“You are then able to challenge stereotypes and advocate for policies that change people’s lives.”*

Becoming an Embrace Action volunteer can be a transformative experience, says Kathy. “It allows you to connect and get to know people. And when you get to know people it’s hard not to engage with your heart.”



newcomers in their sponsorship year, and the Camp Scugog Team, where Fairlawners of all ages raise funds to send children to camp every summer.

The Embrace Action Fund Stewardship team decides how financial aid is disbursed to organizations that do work consistent with Fairlawn’s vision of social outreach. “Our role is not just to give money, but to be ambassadors of those organizations, too,” says Kathy. “It really energizes volunteers.”

Embrace Action’s Social Justice Ministry volunteers work to educate Fairlawners about the root causes of poverty, with a focus on affordable housing, living wage, adequate social assistance rates and income inequality.

And this is just the list of what Embrace Action is currently doing. Participating in Embrace Action activities at Fairlawn is a chance to dream big! If you have an idea for a new ministry or event that is consistent

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Fortify your spirit by sharing your gifts with those who are struggling.

with our vision, or if you have a new spin to suggest on what we are currently doing, we will engage your energy and support your initiative!

Becoming a volunteer is not all hard work, says Kathy. “It can be fun. It feels good when you are able to help and establish a deep connection with another human being.” Volunteering also provides “an opportunity to learn new things and to stretch.”

**It’s easy to get Involved:**

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