



MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

Volunteer Canada and partners in our community are navigating the complexities of modern volunteerism. They are working together to build a [National Volunteer Action Strategy](#) and remove barriers to participation so that every individual feels empowered to contribute to building more connected communities. Now, it is more important than ever to acknowledge the contributions of those participating in our communities and to show our appreciation for their efforts.

WHEREAS, 24 million Canadians give their time through formal or informal types of volunteering, contributing close to 5 billion volunteer hours per year; and

WHEREAS, volunteers in Blackfalds mentor our children, support those feeling isolated, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, volunteers in Blackfalds have continued to give their time and talents to support families, friends, neighbours, and strangers, people standing up to systemic racism, and people sharing insights on how to create a more just and equitable society; and

WHEREAS, Blackfalds volunteers are individuals, families, workers, retirees, community members of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the collective result of the work done by our towns volunteers is that Blackfalds is a more desirable place to live; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to acknowledge the varied roles undertaken by volunteers in our community, ranging from the Snow Angel Program, to Town of Blackfalds Special Events such as Winterfest and Blackfalds Days, to being involved with our community churches or schools, to serving on a Town of Blackfalds Board, Committee or Commission; and

WHEREAS, organizations in Blackfalds that rely on volunteers include such fundamental organizations as ANAM Rural Youth Association, Beyond Food Community Hub, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Lacombe & District, Blackfalds & District Agricultural Society, Blackfalds Figure Skating Club, Blackfalds Fire Fighters Association, Blackfalds Seniors Club, Central Alberta Victim & Witness Support Society, Dual Ice Development Society, FCSS, Girl Guides, Blackfalds Historical Society, Minor Ball, Minor Hockey Association, Minor Soccer Association, Optimist Club of Blackfalds, Scouts, Servus Credit Union Blackfalds Public Library; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Svab, Mayor of Blackfalds, do hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2026, as National Volunteer Week, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.

Mayor Laura Svab