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## *Gingerbread House Competition*



Join us at the **FACETS Home for the Holidays**  
Gingerbread Diorama event! Create one to show your  
skills, or just come see beautiful gingerbread houses  
and enjoy a cup of cocoa while you pick your favorites!

DEC. 6, 2025 | 10 AM TO 1 PM

EPIPHANY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 3301 HIDDEN MEADOW DR., HERNDON

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# FACETS Gingerbread Event: Home for the Holidays!

Dear friends,

This holiday season we would like to invite you, your youth groups, and your families to take part in a unique and meaningful event that combines compassion, creativity, and fellowship.

FACETS is hosting the **Gingerbread Home for the Holidays** event, where guests will be able to explore important issues like homelessness, food insecurity, and poverty--in ways that are age-appropriate, hopeful, and grounded in a call to serve our neighbors.

We need your help to decorate for the event, so we are inviting your youth teams to build a gingerbread diorama that tells a story of home, community, or care--showing what it looks like when everyone has a safe place to belong!

While we'll have prizes for creativity and teamwork, the goal of the event is about opening young hearts to empathy and action through fun, hands-on experiences.

The event will be on the morning of **Saturday, December 6**, from **10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, at the **Epiphany Episcopal Church** just off the Fairfax County Parkway near Franklin Farms.

Your youth group can construct a house as a team, or can work with their families to build individual homes. We've included a flyer with all the important information about the event, and we encourage you to share this and invite your young parishioners to help us tell this important story.

To RSVP, go to [facets.wufoo.com/forms/gingerbread-home-for-the-holidays/](https://facets.wufoo.com/forms/gingerbread-home-for-the-holidays/) by November 24.

To learn more please visit [facetscares.org/gingerbread](https://facetscares.org/gingerbread) or contact Suzanne Hough at [shough@facetscares.org](mailto:shough@facetscares.org).

Let's build something special for the holiday season-both in gingerbread and in spirit!

Best,

Suzanne Hough, CVA  
Director of Volunteer Engagement

## GENERAL RULES FOR DIORAMA BUILDERS

**Eligibility:** the contest is open to individuals, families, community groups, and organizations

**Theme:** dioramas should reflect the theme “Home for the Holidays” and be creative and family-friendly

**Suggested Entry Fee:** Please consider supporting FACETS with a donation of canned food, a gift card to a grocery store, or a new, unwrapped holiday gift

By agreeing to participate, contestants grant permission to FACETS to display photos of their diorama and of themselves

## CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES

1. Base size: each diorama should fit on a sturdy base no larger than 24” x 24” and should be no taller than 24”
2. Materials:
  - Main structure can be made of non-edible items like cardboard or edible items like gingerbread. You can use candies, cereal, stickers, or other items for decoration
  - Stability: dioramas should be free-standing and built to stay upright for at least 48 hours
  - FACETS reserves the right to not accept any diorama based on construction or content

## DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Dioramas must be delivered to Epiphany Episcopal Church, 3301 Hidden Meadow Dr, in Herndon, on Friday evening (12/5) between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m.

- At check-in participants will receive an entry number card for display
- You may provide a one-page explanation of your diorama, but it is not required
- Dioramas may be picked up on Sunday (12/7) between noon and 1:00 p.m.
- Any dioramas left after the deadline will be disposed of

## JUDGING AND VOTING

Guests will use stickers to vote for their favorites during the Open House

FACETS may elect to provide guests with extra stickers for voting based on categories

- Categories (TBD, but may include one or more of the following):
  - Most Creative
  - Best Use of Edible Materials
  - Holiday Spirit Favorite (as selected any faith organization partner)
  - Elementary Favorite (as selected by any guest under 12 years)
- Winners will be announced at the end of the Open House and in social media

## OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES:

- No touching please: dioramas are displayed for viewing only and guests may not touch
- Transport: please make sure your diorama is sturdy enough for transport to the church; we will not have repair materials so please feel free to bring your own tape, gum, etc.) if needed
- Responsibility: neither FACETS nor the church site is responsible for damages or loss of the dioramas once submitted
- Family-friendly content: all entries must be appropriate for all ages