

Hacking for the Holidays 2026

Making Toys Accessible to Kids that use Assistive Technology

Every child deserves the opportunity to play, learn, communicate, and participate independently.

Yet many children with disabilities cannot use commercially available toys and assistive devices without modification, and adapted alternatives can cost hundreds of dollars, placing them out of reach for many families.

Hacking for the Holidays brings together clubs, volunteers, students, makers, and corporate teams across Canada to adapt toys and build assistive devices that are distributed free of charge to children with disabilities, families, hospitals, schools, and rehabilitation centres.



This is our fifth year of Hacking for the Holidays! In 2026, Makers Making Change aims to:



Raise **\$150,000**



Deliver **2,500** devices



Activate **1,000+** volunteers

Over the past four years, Hacking for the Holidays has delivered more than **10,400 adapted toys, switches, and accessible technologies** to children and families across Canada.

Why Partner With Us?

Did you know that 27% of Canadians have a disability?

Hacking for the Holidays offers organizations a unique opportunity to create meaningful social impact while engaging employees, customers, and communities around a highly visible national initiative.

Advance Accessibility and Inclusion

Support children with disabilities by providing adapted toys and assistive technologies.

Engage Employees in Meaningful Volunteering

Hands-on team events that makes a community impact.

Demonstrate Community Leadership

Participation demonstrates alignment to equity, inclusion, and community.

National Visibility

Sponsors are featured at over 80 community events and on every donated device.



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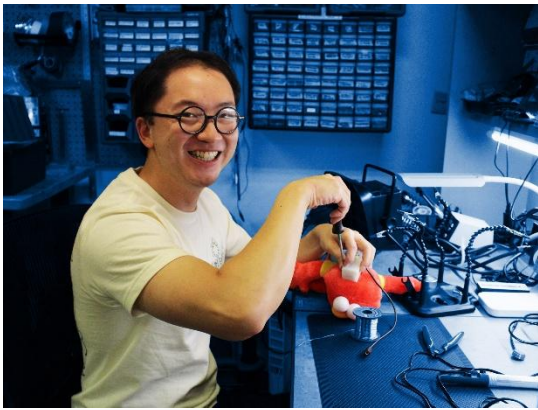
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How Hacking for the Holidays Works



September to Early December

Makers Making Change and their network of chapters and partners (e.g. schools, libraries, corporate partners, and makerspaces) will organize buildathons. Events are 2 hours in length where people learn how to adapt toys and build switches.

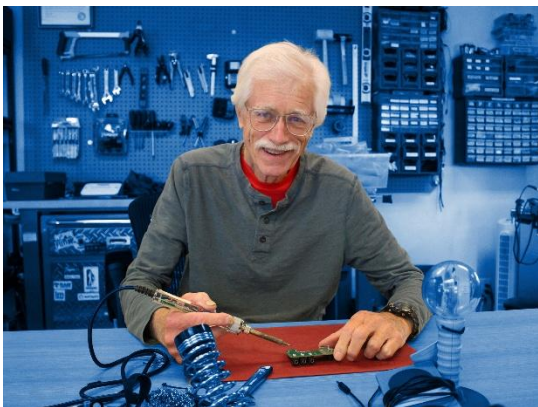
Events produce 10 to 40 items, depending on the number of volunteers, the complexity of the device, and length of the event.



Gift of Access: National Holiday Wrap Up Week

November 30 – December 6

This year, we are adding an Gift of Access: National Holiday Build Week. Where we plan to build over 500 devices! We encourage community members to register for events in their area.



December Deliveries

The devices made at Hacking for the Holidays buildathon events are tested for quality control, and then donated free of charge to specialized early childhood development centers, children's hospitals, and directly to families and youth with disabilities.

The Impact of Hacking for the Holidays



"It's a toy, but it's so much more to her. Just seeing her smile because she can control a toy herself is huge." says Briar's Mom, Jenn. "It's incredible, we've looked online to see how much accessible toys are, and it's too much. It's way too pricey for a kid to play with it for the typical lifespan of a toy," she says. "With inflation and all the other expenses of having a critical care child, we can't just go out and get her a new toy every time we see something."

"It's just really incredible to see people volunteering their time to help kids who can't use typical toys," she continues. "We really do appreciate everything and every step that goes into it."

Sponsorship Options

	Presenting Sponsor (SOLD OUT!)	National Sponsor (1 opportunity left)	Major Sponsor (3 opportunities)	Community Sponsor	Sponsor an Event
Sponsorship contribution	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,000
Campaign title sponsorship <i>"Hacking for the Holidays, presented by (company)"</i>	✓				
Logo featured on all communication materials (printed and digital), event signage, and delivered toy packages 33,000+ social media followers 10,000+ newsletter subscribers 58,000+ monthly web views	✓	✓	✓	✓	Logo prominent at event.
Published story about your organization's support on our website and social media	✓	✓	✓		
Opportunity to deliver toys directly to families and clinicians.	✓	✓			
Opportunity to have a team buildathon event. - We bring all the tools to host a build event for 20+ staff - Available where we have staff: Metro Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Fredericton, Halifax. Additional costs may apply if travel is required by our staff - We require electricity, tables, chairs, and a presentation screen	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



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