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**Edmonton-made website GozAround brings together individual volunteers and organizations that need them**



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Edmontonian Ben Block created GozAround, a social media platform that aims to connect volunteers with volunteer organizations. PHOTO SUPPLIED

Ben Block has been volunteering since high school and while he saw many people struggling to find volunteer opportunities, he saw just as many organizations struggling to fill their ranks.

"It struck me that I hear quite often that it's too hard to volunteer or too difficult to find a way to volunteer," he said.

"Then at the same time, in my own travels, I came across people who needed help with something or other that I was pretty sure there was somebody out there who would be happy to help, but they didn't have a good way to connect."

Years later, in 2013, he took a look at social media and its power to bring people together, and took it upon himself to use this power to connect volunteers with the groups that need them.

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