



# Hamilton, OH

## **The Area**

Just 20 miles from Cincinnati, Hamilton is a small, close-knit city known for its cultural and recreational activities.

Hamilton has been recognized as "The City of Sculpture" and is known for its support of the arts.

Unfortunately, the city has a high unemployment rate and an aging population. There are over 2,000 homes in the county that have unsafe or code violating issues.

## **Our Partner**

This Workcamp is part of a long-term, ongoing partnership with the area's leading anti-poverty agency, SELF (Supports to Encourage Low-income Families). They work hard to make 80 or more homes safer and warmer for low-income families, but they can only begin to meet the vast need for repairs. You'll join hands with over 200 local volunteers to make a huge impact in the community!



## **Lodging Information**

Participants will stay in an \*air-conditioned facility with open showers. Bring your swimsuits if you're worried about modesty. Everyone will be sleeping on floors, gender-separate, so bring your air mattresses too!

## **The Need**

Hamilton's housing stock was largely built early in the 20th century—currently over 2,000 homes have building code violations. Many of these residents are elderly and/or have disabilities, but each have been carefully pre-screened and will appreciate your help. The repairs you do will be challenging but not overwhelming. Projects may include painting, building wheelchair ramps and porches, etc. Plenty of skilled local project advisors will be on hand to help you tackle your project!

Most importantly, you'll bring a message of hope and care to people who feel forgotten.

## **Area Activities**

Hamilton is located near the famous Kings Island amusement and water park, the largest amusement park in the Midwest. Your group may also enjoy a Cincinnati Reds baseball game or a visit to the U.S. Air Force Museum.

This is a community that needs you and will welcome you! Special events will include "A Taste of Hamilton," welcoming activities, and some special surprises.