



# Reading, PA

## The Area

Reading is the fifth-largest city in Pennsylvania. The city, approximately halfway between Philadelphia and the state capitol of Harrisburg, is strategically situated along a major transportation route from Central to Eastern Pennsylvania.

Reading lent its name to the now-defunct Reading Railroad, which transported anthracite coal from the Pennsylvania Coal Region to the eastern United States via the Port of Philadelphia. Reading Railroad is one of the four railroad properties in the classic United States version of the Monopoly board game.

In 2011, the PBS NewsHour reported that Reading was officially the poorest city in the nation with 49% of inhabitants living below the poverty line. Restore hope to the people of Reading by serving them this summer.

## Our Partner

Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Berks provides guidance and creates opportunities for people who want to purchase and maintain their homes, improve their lives, and strengthen their communities. They offer homebuyer education, counseling, and lending services. They also work throughout the year to empower residents to become leaders.



## Lodging Information

Details coming soon...

## The Need

Projects may include painting, construction of ramps and porches, and other home repairs. The impact you will have on an entire community will be truly powerful for you and your group.

## Area Activities

- Reading Phillies First Energy Field
- Mid-Atlantic Air Museum
- Santander Arena
- Reading Public Museum
- Antietam Lake Park
- King of Prussia Simon Mall

