



Rochester, NY

The Area

Rochester is situated on the southern shore of Lake Ontario, with a wide range of festivals and family-friendly attractions, and world of art, music, and nature. Home of Kodak, Rochester was truly prosperous until the digital camera brought down the film camera industry.

Today, Rochester is the fifth-poorest major city in the nation. Decades of “redlining”—an unethical practice that makes it hard for residents of certain poor neighborhoods to get loans—have left pockets of true housing need throughout the city.

Our Partner

For over a decade, Group Mission Trips has enjoyed an ongoing, sustainable partnership with the area’s leading anti-poverty agency. They have a heart for people and work hard to build up their community. The resident you serve will have specifically applied for your help and has been visited and thoroughly vetted for both need and a safe environment for participants.

Lodging Information

Participants will stay at a facility that doesn't have air-conditioning, so you'll want to bring fans. The facility does have indoor showers! There will be 25 open showers, and 5 private showers, per gender. If you're worried about modesty, bring your swimsuits. Everyone will be sleeping on floors, gender-separate, so you want to bring your air mattresses.

The Need

Projects will vary from light carpentry and simple repairs to construction of sturdy decks to provide safe entry into homes.

Area Activities

Your group will enjoy the popular Ontario Beach Park nearby! The neighborhood is home to several restaurants, from burgers and fries to frozen custard from the oldest creamery.

In downtown Rochester, the Memorial Art Gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday. Your group may prefer to visit the Strong Museum of Play, open seven days a week!

