



Minneapolis, MN

The Area

Minneapolis is beautiful booming city, with a rich history of accepting foreign refugees. In fact, it's currently one of the fastest growing cities in the Midwest.

This growth has led to a shortage of affordable housing and shelters for those in need. The city faces a rising homeless population, families that can barely pay the bills each month, refugees looking for resources to get back on their feet, homeowners facing fines for not maintaining homes, and children at risk of falling into bad situations because of too much free-time on their hands during the summer.

Week of Hope has the opportunity to come alongside this community to help provide assistance, love and hope.

Projects

During the summer we volunteer with over 10 local organizations. Some of our partners include:

- Summer Enrichment Program - This organization provides a safe place for kids and teens to learn and grow. You will build relationships with the children as you play games, do arts and crafts, and help with learning activities.
- Respite Program – This partner puts on a summer camp for children and adults with disabilities. You will lead activities, participate in making crafts, read with campers, and help around the campgrounds.
- Food Bank – This organization focuses on food access, equity, and hunger prevention throughout 32 counties in MN and WI. You will help sort and package food or work on the micro-farm on the property.

Our Local Partner

Our Local Coordinator in Minneapolis maintains connections year-round with the organizations we serve, creating sustainable service and relationships.

Lodging Information

You will stay in a local facility with *partial air-conditioning. Indoor showers provided. Chat with a trip advisor for all lodging details.

**Subject to change.*

Area Activities

Despite the cold winter months, the summers in Minneapolis are delightful! The Minneapolis area is filled with many lakes and outdoor spaces. Check out Minnehaha park for live music, plenty of green area and a majestic 53-foot waterfall! It's the 3rd most cycle-friendly city in the US and there are trails and rentable bikes all throughout the city.

The Twin Cities (Minneapolis and St. Paul) are also known for the arts, so keep your eye out for the many murals and visit the sculpture garden near downtown.

And of course, you don't want to miss the Mall of America—the largest shopping complex in the country, which also has its own indoor theme park.

