



Scranton, PA

"Electric City Workcamp"

The Area

The city of Scranton is at a crossroads. It is a vibrant community with a chic urban vibe. The downtown is alive with magnificent restaurants, cafes, coffee shops, and other small businesses, and the surrounding neighborhoods boast some of the most eye-catching historic homes you'll find in the state, maybe even the country.

Yet, the city itself is financially distressed, and living within its limits has become increasingly more expensive and riskier; taxpayers have been asked to shoulder more of the burdens and are choosing to flee to suburbs kinder to wallets. Due to the added financial stress of staying or buying in the city, more longtime homeowners of modest income cannot afford to hire help to keep up with their homes, and many, given the aging population, do not have the ability to do the work themselves. Neighborhood pride and morale are heading toward perhaps an all-time low.

Folks here know in their hearts that Scranton is a great place to live and can return to its heyday, but they also can use more reason to believe.

The pick-me-up provided by an army of Workcamp participants brightens neighborhoods and adds a far-reaching impact that lasts for years to come.

Our Partner

Our partner has long-standing credibility in their community as they have served residents for many years. Their services focus on increasing the financial stability of neighbors by providing home-repair assistance, pre-purchase counseling, homebuyer education, foreclosure prevention services, and financing assistance for modest-income homebuyers.

Lodging Information

You will stay in a local university that is *fully air-conditioned.

The Need

Years of New England winters can take a toll on homes and homeowners alike. Sprucing up exterior paint, building ramps, or fixing porches are a great way to show love to the Scranton city. Light repairs to interior spaces are also planned for many of the residents during Workcamp week.

Area Activities

Enjoy an afternoon of fun in the sun at Montage Mountain Waterpark. Take a tour of the Lackawanna Coal Mine. Catch a Baseball Game or visit the Electric City Trolley Station & Museum or the Shoppes at Montage.

Outdoor activities can be found at Lackawanna Heritage Valley or Nay Aug Park.

*Subject to change

