



# Elkview, WV

## **The Area**

Elkview is in the beautiful Kanawha Valley of West Virginia's coal country, taking its name from the wonderful Elk River that flows through the area. Although it is near the busy capital of Charleston, little growth in manufacturing, professional, or construction jobs has left this area with a struggling economy.

The dwindling coal industry has hurt folks in this area and a devastating flood in the summer of 2016 caused more damage than anyone expected. With much work still left in the process of rebuilding, Elkview is a great location for the hands and feet of Jesus to make a difference. Throughout one week in this community, you will discover a chance to help individuals who lost almost everything and are longing for a new connection and helping hands.

## **Our Partner**

Five counties are served by our local community action partner. Home repair is a small but important aspect of what they offer, and we are glad to have a strong history with them. Some of the residents you serve will know full well how our partner can assist them, while others may be hearing of the home repair opportunities for the first time. Regardless of



their knowledge, our partners are strong and impactful in their community and we are proud to partner alongside them!

## **Lodging Information**

Participants will stay in a facility with \*partial air conditioning and indoor showers. There will be 5 open and 2 private showers for each gender. If you're worried about modesty, bring your swimsuits. Everyone will be sleeping on floors, gender-separate, so bring your air-mattresses! \*Subject to change anytime.

## **The Need**

Elkview residents have a plethora of projects waiting for you! From wheelchair ramps to skirting projects, painting to weatherization, you are guaranteed to make a big impact on the flood victims and elderly residents of the area.

## **Area Activities**

Elkview is located less than thirty minutes from Charleston, WV. Your group may enjoy a day of learning and fun at the Clay Center for the Arts and Science of West Virginia. You can catch a baseball game at the Appalachian Power Park, enjoy free time and shopping at the Charleston Town Center Mall, or explore Kanawha State Forest, just 7 miles south of Charleston.

