



# Hammond, IN

## **The Area**

Join the struggle of a proud city determined to overcome adversity.

Once the home of a booming industrial economy, Hammond has been hit harder than most by the recent economic collapse, and with the close of factories, residents have experienced a loss of income and hope. The population has dropped nearly 40,000 in the last 40 years, leaving behind a struggling elderly and young adult population. Jobs are hard to find here, and what few there are don't pay much.

The people of Hammond know you are coming—in fact, many have waited for years to receive your help. You'll be amazed at how a simple coat of fresh paint can restore a person's self-esteem, or how a sturdy new wheelchair ramp can restore the freedom of someone whose disability has kept them trapped in their house for years.

Challenges come and go with changing times, but your group can bring lasting hope and needed service to these great people. Your work here will be truly meaningful as part of an on-going, sustainable effort by caring people determined to rebuild their city. You will truly be changing lives, including your own.



## **Our Partner**

In partnership with the City of Hammond, we are working to build a better community through the physical appearance of homes, the pride of the residents, and the joy of receiving aid. We cannot wait to see the hard work of the participants and the look of gratitude on the residents' faces we get the opportunity to serve this summer.

## **Lodging Information**

Participants will stay in a facility that is \*fully air-conditioned. This facility does not have indoor showers, so we'll build outdoor, enclosed, showers right next to the facility for each gender. If you're worried about modesty, bring your swimsuit. And your shower shoes! Everyone will be sleeping on floors, so you'll want to bring your air mattresses. \*Subject to change

## **The Need**

Projects for the weekend camp include building wheelchair ramps and porches, repairing siding, painting the interior and exterior of homes, and other home repairs. Residents are excited to welcome you!

## **Area Activities**

Explore the beauty of Hammond and its surrounding areas at Wolf Lake or George Lake. The Whihala Beach County Park is a great location for an afternoon barbecue or a snooze in the grass. Interested in learning more about the great nature in Indiana? Visit the Gibson Woods Nature Preserve or the Environmental Education Center.