



# Woonsocket, RI

## **The Area**

The Blackstone River Valley has a long history in the world of manufacturing and commerce. By the mid-1800s, Woonsocket was one of the largest textile manufacturing centers in the United States, but it did not escape the Great Depression. Industry was a draw for immigrants seeking to establish a better life for themselves. French Canadians first arrived in the 1840's, followed by African American immigrants who began to arrive as a part of the Great Migration. Since the 1980s, many Southeast Asian, Latinos, and African immigrants have been calling Woonsocket home.

City revitalization began in the 1990s and has continued into the 21st century, including housing renovation projects as well as focused improvements to the greater community.

Help the residents of Woonsocket realize this future and bring the vision to reality as you become part of a greater purpose through home repairs for the people of the Blackstone Valley.

## **Our Partner**

This long-standing agency is affiliated with many others that serve around the country. They have been developing affordable housing for almost 30 years. Financial coaching and foreclosure prevention assistance are also in their expertise. This will be our third summer of partnership with Woonsocket.



## **Lodging Information**

Participants will stay in a facility that is \*partially air-conditioned so you'll want to bring some fans. This facility has 3 private indoor showers, per gender, for adults. In addition to these, we are building outdoor, enclosed showers, 8 per gender, right next to the building for the youth. Bring your shower shoes and, if you're worried about modesty, your swimsuit! Everyone will be sleeping on floors, gender separate, so bring your air mattresses! *\*Subject to change.*

## **The Need**

Projects include painting, construction of ramps and porches, and other home repairs. The impact you will have on an entire community will be truly powerful for you and your group.

## **Area Activities**

Woonsocket is located just 30 minutes outside of Providence, RI. Find unique dining and shopping experiences in Providence. Catch a Pawtucket Red Sox baseball game, visit the impressive Rhode Island School of Design art museum, or check out Providence's signature event WaterFire, an award-winning fire sculpture installation on the three rivers downtown.

