Overview: This trip to Detroit, Michigan will work with Focus Hope. Focus: HOPE is an organization dedicated to intelligent and practical solutions to the problems of hunger, economic disparity, inadequate education, and racial divisiveness. The organization has become a nationally renowned civil and human rights organization diligently working to bridge the racial divide in southeast Michigan through their food program, career training programs, and their HOPE Village Initiative. Focus: Hope serves Detroit citizens with a food bank, early childhood education program, and initiatives for adult education and professionalization. The group will primarily discuss the social justice issues of poverty and hunger.

Day-to-day: Service includes working in the food bank, food store, early childhood education, yard-work, and career closet. In addition, service may include delivering food and housekeeping. An example of a day of service would be packing food boxes in the food bank from 9am to noon, delivering food boxes 1pm to 3:30pm, and helping with housekeeping duties 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

The Nitty-Gritty Details: The rooms are hotel style with linens, towels, and a private bathroom. Food is not included in the trip price, but there is a kitchenette at St. Paul’s Retreat and a cafeteria at Focus Hope for lunch. Volunteers in the past have bought lunch supplies at a local grocery store and ate simple breakfasts at St. Paul’s, brought bagged lunches to Focus: Hope, and ate out for dinner.