



Tacoma, Washington

Founded on the ancestral land of the Puyallup Tribe, the Thea Jamba JV house is located in the Hilltop neighborhood close to the city's downtown. Tacoma, the third largest city in Washington state, is nestled in between two neighboring cities- Seattle to the north (the largest city in the state) and Olympia to the south (the capital of the Washington). Tacoma was one of JVC Northwest's first urban locales as the program expanded in 1970. Nicknamed "Grit City", it is a port city on the Puget Sound, with two military bases in town; the Puyallup tribe lives on a reservation at the city limits. University of Washington Tacoma is located downtown, near the waterfront. Housing and homelessness are in a state of crisis in Tacoma. Tacoma has also become a hub for services for residents of rural southwest Washington, as its location is more accessible than Seattle.

Joys of being a JV in Tacoma:

- o Location on the Tacoma Catholic Worker community's property, with standing invitations to liturgies and dinners.
- o Strong support network, including the Catholic Worker, many former JVs, a residential Jesuit community associated with a Jesuit high school, and the JV house a short walk to the Jesuit parish.
- o The view of the Cascade mountain range from the Jesuit Volunteer house deck, and of Mount Rainier (called "Tahoma" [where the gods dwell] by the Puyallup people) from just a few steps from the JV house.