

## Tacoma, WA

With its population of 200,000, Tacoma is the 3rd largest city in Washington. One of the first inner-city placements JVC started in 1970, located on Puget Sound forty minutes south of Seattle, Tacoma offers a concentration of former JVs, a Jesuit parish, and a Catholic Worker house.

Halfway between Portland and Vancouver, BC, Tacoma has the underside of an ocean port industrial city with two military bases while also being slow enough so you can absorb what you're experiencing. The JVs live in the not-so-nice Hilltop district, near the Y, the library and the downtown area where "revitalization" has been an elusive hope for decades. From their kitchen window, they see prominent on the near SE skyline Mt. Rainier, the highest NW peak outside Alaska and known as "Tahoma" ("where the gods dwell") to the Puyallup people who now live invisible on a reservation at the city limits. JVs have served here since 1970.

