



# Aloha, Oregon

Aloha's Jesuit Volunteer house name is Casa de Paz, and was formerly located in Hillsboro, Oregon. Jesuit Volunteers (JVs) served in Hillsboro in the early 2000s, with a hiatus in the latter part of the decade, and returned in 2010. In 2016, the JV house moved to a new home in Aloha.

Aloha JVs serve in placements in Hillsboro and Beaverton, OR, all suburbs to the west of Portland in Washington County. Washington County is home to farmworker families as well as wealthy folks who work in the tech industry of the Silicon Forest (home of Intel and other tech companies).

As immigrants and refugee communities have been pushed out from the city center and settled outside of Portland, the need has increased for social service hubs in the suburbs. Likewise, the area experiences a unique dilemma, as suburbs are not built for people experiencing homelessness to readily access the social network and resources they need.

## Joys of being a Jesuit Volunteer in Aloha:

- o Many Spanish speakers live in Washington County, so JVs who speak or are interested in practicing Spanish language skills have enjoyed this aspect of life in Washington Co.
- o 2016 JVs built some raised garden beds in the backyard!
- o The house is accessible via a bus line two blocks from the house, MAX train line one mile from the house, and bike.
- o Tualatin Hills Nature Park is walking distance from the JV house and is full of a network of trails and wildlife.

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