

About Bend

Located in Central Oregon, where the Deschutes River connects the beautiful Cascade Mountains with the expansive High Desert, Bend and the surrounding area are a complex mix of urban and rural life.

Formerly a small mill town, Bend has grown rapidly in recent years and is now home to just over 90,000 people – and is growing every day. This rapid change has brought many benefits – beautiful parks and trail systems, new outdoor and tech industry jobs, music, arts and culture, a vibrant entrepreneurial spirit, and endless outdoor recreation opportunities. It has also brought new challenges to the area, including a major affordable housing crisis, increased inequalities in income, access and resources, dislocation, homelessness and housing insecurity, transportation and environmental concerns, and significant disparities in health. In 2017, JVs returned to Bend to serve the community through healthcare focused placements. The Bend community is a new model for JVC Northwest, where all members' service is focused on improving health access and outcomes with the people they accompany.



Bend, Oregon



Joys of Bend

JVs live near the hospital and public health departments, and are biking distance to a bounty of parks, river trails, coffee shops, and more. The JV support people in Bend are a wealth of resources for outdoor recreation gear and opportunities, spiritual resources, healthcare and social service learning opportunities and connections, local social and ecological justice work, and more! Bend has been called the outdoor playground of the West because of its proximity to nature and availability of year-round outdoor activities.