

Seattle, Washington

Joys of Seattle

A fantastic support network, including mental health professionals, former JVs, the Ignatian Spirituality Center that offers spiritual direction and programming, a Jesuit parish, and Seattle University greet JVs. An abundance of city parks and green spaces, waterfronts in all directions, and views of Mt Rainier and the Space Needle on clear days that never get old are just a few things that make Seattle a wonderful community. The JV house is centrally located, making walking to restaurants, bars, coffee shops, and footpaths easy. Seattle is a great place to explore the beauty of the PNW while also getting a big city experience, with thriving social activism and a liberal political environment.

About Seattle

Named after Chief Sealth of the Duwamish and Suquamish Tribes, Seattle is home to two JV communities; both are centrally located near Seattle University. The houses are a ten-minute walk from each other, and volunteers can also quickly get downtown with a thirty-minute walk. As one of JVC Northwest's first urban locales, JVs have served the greater Seattle area since 1970. There is a strong Asian American /Pacific Islander population in the city, as well as many immigrants and refugees from around the world who reside in Seattle. The Emerald City is a hub for services in high demand in the region, and housing and homelessness are in a current state of crisis in the city. In embracing the city's complex history, volunteers are asked to wrestle with paying witness and critically contemplate the ongoing gentrification of their Central District neighborhood- a historically Black community.