

INTERGENERATIONAL HOUSING PROFILE:

BRIDGE MEADOWS, TREEHOUSE FOUNDATION, & HOPE MEADOWS

Project Summaries

Bridge Meadows and Treehouse Foundation are similar examples of intentional intergenerational communities. In both models, families with children impacted by foster care live alongside their older adult neighbors. This intentional design fosters connection. The older adults become mentors, tutors, and in some cases “honorary grandparents” to the children, offering stability, care, and a listening ear.

There are opportunities for connection through shared spaces, like courtyards and community rooms, and onsite staff-organized activities that create opportunities for social engagement, relationship building, and therapeutic mental health services. Meals become potlucks where residents of all ages share stories and laughter. It’s a supportive environment where children benefit from the wisdom of elders, families receive support from their neighbors and staff, and older adults discover a renewed sense of purpose.

Bridge Meadows is a non-profit organization that provides intergenerational housing communities in Oregon (Portland, Beaverton, and Redmond) and currently developing in Tacoma, Washington with several more West Coast opportunities on the drawing board. Treehouse Foundation is a non-profit that operates an intergenerational community in Easthampton, Massachusetts, and is currently developing new communities in Boston and Worcester, Massachusetts.

Locations:

- **Bridge Meadows** – Portland, Beaverton, & Redmond, Oregon and in development in Tacoma, Washington
- **Treehouse Foundation** – Easthampton, Massachusetts and in development in Boston and Worcester, Massachusetts
- **Hope Meadows** – Rantoul, Illinois

Project Type: Intentional Intergenerational Communities

Both communities are inspired by Hope Meadows in Rantoul, Illinois. Established in 1994 on a converted military base, Hope Meadows was designed as an intergenerational community where older adults and foster families would come together to raise and adopt foster children. Today, Hope Meadows supports traditional foster and adoptive families and grandparent-led households, foster grandparents, and older youth launching into adulthood.

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