BRIDGE MEADOWS
BRIDGING THE GENERATIONS ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME
CREATING MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS
THE NEED
ABOUT US

Founded in 2004, Bridge Meadows builds and sustains intergenerational neighborhoods that bring youth formerly in foster care, their adoptive parents and elders together. In 2011, we welcomed our first families and elders home!
BLUEPRINT
Hope Meadows/Generations of Hope
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PHILOSOPHICAL PRINCIPLES
Residents of an intergenerational community, including those whose social challenge provides the organizing focus of the community, are viewed not as problems-to-be-managed, but as ordinary people requiring the same embeddedness in family and community that we would want for ourselves.

Residents have enduring capacity to care. Given the opportunity, ordinary people will care for one another in ways, and to a degree, that go beyond the scope of traditional interventions.
1 Model that addresses 3 challenges, simultaneously

Foster Care
Seniors
Housing

From service provider to community partner

Relationships and connection are the vehicles of healing & intervention
PHILOSOPHY

All residents of an intergenerational community, children, adults, and elders are viewed as ordinary people requiring the same connection in family and community that we would want for ourselves.

Youth in foster care find permanent homes & greater academic success

Adoptive parents gain skills & support to parent with confidence

Elders find new meaning & purpose
Individuals value meaning and purpose, and this happens best in an environment that fosters belonging and connection.

The Intergenerational Community addresses and unites around a specific social purpose.

The Intergenerational Community is healing agent, providing the key source of support and service.

Given the Intergenerational Community is the form of intervention, staff must discern when to coach, collaborate, and lead.

Community members are experts in their lives – their ideas and perspectives inform activities that lead to positive outcomes.
THE POWER OF CONNECTION

Social Relationships impact well being

Purposeful engagement

Elders, children and parents flourish with social connections

Enhancing the connection with a social purpose

The community as an intervention
THE EXPERIENCE BENEFITS EACH GENERATION IN THE WAYS THEY NEED IT MOST.
WHEN PEOPLE SUPPORT EACH OTHER, LIFE WORKS.

85% of elders say there’s more meaning and purpose in their lives.

100% of kids who regularly go to school find greater academic success.

88% of parents are more confident parenting youth formerly in foster care.
COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS

Gender Breakdown:
- Youth: 45% (55%)
- Parents: 100% (0%)
- Elders: 83% (17%)

Age of Youth:
- 0-5: 17%
- 6-10: 41%
- 11-15: 34%
- 16-18: 7%

Three Generations:
- Youth: 29
- Elders: 30
- Parents: 9

Bridge Meadows
FUNDING
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT
& PROGRAM OPERATIONS

Public
Private
Operating
KEY ELEMENTS OF SUCCESS

Political & Community Support

Securing private and public financing support

Strong Real Estate Development Team

Securing Site

Clinical Expertise

Social Purpose
BUILDING COMMUNITY

NORTH PORTLAND
30 Youth (25 former foster youth)
  9 Adoptive Parents
30 Elders with limited means

BEAVERTON
32 Elder apartments
  9 Family townhomes

NEW MEADOWS
10 Studios
  4 One-bedroom
For young adults ages 18-24 who have aged out of the foster care system.
SHARING OUR SUCCESS

ONE FAMILY’S STORY
THANK YOU
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