



# TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY

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By email: [helen@manylights.org](mailto:helen@manylights.org)

Ms. Helen Lakeru, Founder, Board President  
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Dear Ms Lakeru:

I understand that Many Lights Foundation is seeking to create a multigenerational community for kinship and adoptive families and older adults. Your plans draw inspiration from the success of the Generations of Hope community in Rantoul, Illinois. I am very pleased also to understand that you are considering Tacoma for this effort. I write to express the Tacoma Housing Authority's strong support. We are ready to learn how we can help you.

We believe that such a community would offer Tacoma several important advantages. It would provide a home to foster children who otherwise face a childhood without a permanent family. It would provide crucial support for the foster and adoptive families who take in these children. It would allow elders to enrich their own lives by serving as honorary grandparents supporting and guiding both the children and the foster parents.

THA is eager to help. We are interested generally in creating intentional communities. We are particularly eager to make them affordable and attractive. And, of course, we seek to improve the services and prospects for Tacoma's children, especially those in need.

Please let me know how we can help you do that.

Cordially,

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