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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES

P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662

January 13, 2009

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 14, 2009, 12:00 noon □ 1:30 p.m.

PROGRAM: COMMUNITY COUNTS: QUALITY OF LIFE IN KING COUNTY □ THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT □ S TRACKING OF INDICATORS OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS WITH COMPARATIVE DATA FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

LOCATION: BRISTOL HALL, ST. MARGARET □ S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
LOCATED AT 4228 FACTORIA BOULEVARD SE, BELLEVUE (ACROSS FROM NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL)

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order and conducted by EISCC Co-president Marilyn Rands.

OPENING PRAYER: The meeting was opened in prayer offered by Diana Stice of Bellevue First United Methodist Church.

SELF INTRODUCTIONS: Self introductions were made by 30 members and guests

MINUTES: The minutes of the December 9, 2008 meeting were approved as distributed.

TREASURER □ S REPORT: EISCC Treasurer Pat McDermott (pmcdermott@amnis.com) reported although year-end statements were not yet available, with \$225,000 in cash and accounts receivable □ everyone should feel good about EISCC and its programs.

He also reported that an independent review of the financial statements will take place shortly and that EISCC dues statements will be going out this month. Yearly EISCC dues are \$40 for member congregations and \$25 for member agencies.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS: Congregations for the Homeless Director Steve Roberts (206-295-7803 or steve@cfhomeless.org) began his report by remembering EISCC member and CFH founding supporter Nadine Shannon, a member of St. Margaret □ s Episcopal Church where now we hold EISCC meetings. Steve reported that the CFH shelter is going strong, that the housing program has 20 men in permanent housing and that the program has received funding for an additional 18 permanent housing units. A new intern will be starting shortly as well to help provide case management services and grant money has been received that will enable CFH to hire an additional case manager.

CFH is looking for a 5 to 6 bedroom house that they can lease for a few years, perhaps up to

ten. If you know of such a house, please let Steve know.

EISCC EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND REPORT: Hopelink's Jessica Ivey (425-943-7558 or jessicai@hope-link.org) presented a report of the EISCC Emergency Services Fund.

This fund is composed of donations from EISCC member congregations, administered by Hopelink, that funds services that are not available through other Hopelink programs.

For the period July 1 through December 31, 2008 the fund shows only a total of \$183.00 donated by EISCC congregations. Jessica reported that she is quite confident that EISCC member congregations actually donated well in excess of this amount, but that donations made to Hopelink that do not specify **Bellevue Emergency Services Fund** on them, are not applied to this fund, but rather are directed to other Hopelink programs where there is need. Jessica asks that if your congregation made contributions that were intended for the EISCC Emergency Services Fund between July and December of 2008, they contact her at their earliest convenience. It is very important that Hopelink is able to show that they are being funded for these crucial services.

Despite the small amount of money actually credited to the fund, a total of \$7,839.50 was dispersed, serving 136 households or a total of 296 people:

Service	Households	Amount	Household Types	# of Households
Rent	1	\$100.00	Single Mothers	18
Other	1	\$200.00	Single Fathers	3
Water/Electric/ Gas	30	\$4,912.00	Two Parents	25
Prescriptions	19	\$2,127.00	Couples w/no Kids	22
Bus Tickets	87	\$500.50	Single Person	67
Total	138	\$7,839.50		

This fund represents Hopelink's only undesignated funds and is vitally important to help struggling households with rent subsidies, bus tickets, utility bills and prescription drug expenses.

Congregations seeking to refer individuals in need to the Bellevue Emergency Services Fund can call Jessica at 425-943-7558.

PROGRAM: THE SOPHIA WAY SERVICES FOR EASTSIDE HOMELESS WOMEN:

A presentation was made by Sophia Way Executive Director, Helen Leuzzi (425-653-5893 or director@sophiaway.org).

The Sophia Way is dedicated to changing the lives of single homeless women in East King County providing a pathway from life on the street to life in a home of their own. Through providing life changing education, support and access to resources, the Sophia Way is dedicated to providing women in need with an opportunity to make life sustaining changes.

How Prevalent is Homelessness on the Eastside? According to the Committee to End Homelessness, since 2005 homelessness has decreased overall in King County, but has increased on the Eastside. Seventeen percent of all those single and homeless in King County reside on the Eastside. The Eastside YWCA has seen over 225 different women

who are homeless since opening their Angeline's Eastside Women's Drop-in Center (which operates during the day) in December of 2006. Before the creation of the Sophia Way, there were no beds available on the Eastside for single homeless women.

Who are these women? They are people just like us who have been subjected to economic hardship, catastrophic illness, have mental health issues, addictions, have been victims of abuse, or have suffered profound personal loss. For most of these women, becoming homeless has meant living outside. Some spend nights in cars if they are fortunate to own one and are able to find a safe place where they are allowed to park. Others ride buses all night, if they are fortunate enough to have a pass ticket, while still others sleep and live wherever they can, for example in underbrush.

The Sophia Way is uniquely designed to provide education and resources to homeless single women while providing participants with a safe overnight environment. Applicants first meet with a case manager to determine and set goals. Once being accepted into the program, a participant enters the overnight educational program for supportive services, life skills training, and a safe place to stay. Upon completing the program, a participant continues to receive support from case management for up to two years while living independently in a subsidized apartment, preparing for a home of her own.

The Sophia Way offers women a structured path to independent women and is the only overnight program for single adult women in East King County. It operates as a part of the Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council, a 501(c)(3) organization.

There are currently 7 women in the program. The Sophia Way is currently funded to accommodate up to 8 women at a time.

Your Congregation can make a difference! Please consider supporting the Sophia Way by:

- 7 **Making a tax-deductible donation**
- 7 **Preparing a meal**
- 7 **Sharing a talent**
- 7 **Donating materials**
 - **Toiletries**
 - **Clothing**
 - **Bedding**

If you'd like to help, please contact Helen Leuzzi at 425-417-7575 or director@sophiaway.org or visit www.sophiaway.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: EISCC members may share announcements pertaining to their congregations/agencies. If you wish these announcements to appear in the minutes, please make them well in advance of any event that you are publicizing and to help insure accuracy please provide them in writing to the recording secretary. Among the announcements at the January 13, 2009 meeting:

THE EMERGENCY FEEDING PROGRAM: The Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle & King County is asking congregations to join them in their **Winter Baby Food Drive**. Your congregation's donations of jars of baby food (1st and 2nd foods only,

please) will help ensure that struggling young families are able to provide vital nutrition to their young children. For more information, please contact Brian Anderson at 206-329-0300 or brian@emergencyfeeding.org or visit them on the web at www.emergencyfeeding.org.

LEGISLATIVE TABLING: Nancy Bent of Bellevue's First Congregational Church and the Bellevue Crop Walk shared information about a process called legislative tabling. This is a way for congregations to examine a legislative issue that is pertinent to their mission and to voice their opinions to decision makers. Using this process, congregations:

1. Choose legislative issues
2. Set up a calendar of such issues
3. Prepare on a large poster key talking points regarding one specific issue at a time.
4. Provide postage paid postcards at table.
5. Provide name and address of particular politicians who are appropriate to connect with for that topic (i.e. local or state).
6. Encourage parishioners to write a postcard message in their own words regarding the issue. They may simply use talking points.
7. Ask congregation members to add organizations such as member of Bellevue First Congregational . . . (Legislators track when an organizations is writing to them as they realize where they are hearing one voice in a group there are others who are voters leaning in the same direction).
8. Mail postcards for participating congregation members (basket of completed cards).
9. Potentially put out a basket to collect a dollar to offset costs or postage.

If your congregation is interested in exploring legislative tabling further, please contact Nancy at nancybent@comcast.net.

ONE NIGHT COUNT: The 29th annual One Night Count of people who are homeless in King County will take place on Friday, January 30th at 1:30 am, (or very late Thursday night if you prefer) a few dozen volunteers will venture out to count the number of unsheltered homeless in Bellevue, Kirkland, and Redmond. This is an exciting and unique opportunity to participate in the process of gathering data to better serve the homeless in our community and, ultimately, to use this information to end homelessness.

Here's what to expect on the night of the count:

Where & When?	1:30 am - arrive 1st Presbyterian Church 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue 98004
What to Wear:	warm clothes rain/snow gear (who knows what weather we'll have)
	sturdy boots
What to bring:	bright flashlight extra batteries (if the light might not last 3 hours) cell phone

What's Next: volunteers will be assigned to teams
team leads will train volunteers on count and safety
procedures

Teams will leave the church by 2:15 am, count their assigned area and return by 5:00 am

A hot breakfast will be generously provided by 1st Presbyterian Church volunteers

Those interested in participating should contact Steve Roberts at 206-295-7803 or
steve@cfhomeless.org.

CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting was closed in prayer by Elizabeth Maupin of the Issaquah-Sammamish Interfaith Coalition.

Brian Anderson, EISCC Secretary

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February 10, 2009

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 10, 2009, 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.
PROGRAM: OLIVE CREST: HOMES AND SERVICES FOR ABUSED CHILDREN
LOCATION: BRISTOL HALL, ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH LOCATED AT 4228 FACTORIA BOULEVARD SE, BELLEVUE (ACROSS FROM NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL)

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order and conducted by EISCC Co-president Lloyd Van Vactor.

OPENING PRAYER: The meeting was opened in prayer offered by Rev. Linda Roddis of First Congregational Church of Bellevue.

SELF INTRODUCTIONS: Self introductions were made by 27 members and guests

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 13, 2009 were approved as circulated.

TREASURER'S REPORT: EISCC Treasurer Pat McDermott (pmcdermott@amnis.com) reported that as of 1/31/2009 cash balances totaled \$165,278. Since this is the first month of the year no meaningful trends are noted. Nothing unusual was recorded during the month.

EISCC dues statements will be going out within the next few days. Yearly EISCC dues are \$40 for member congregations and \$25 for member agencies.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS: Nadine Bentsen reported that the CFH homeless men's shelter is currently at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. An additional 2 men have transitioned from the shelter into permanent housing. She also said that as the national economic crisis deepens, "things are going to get more interesting."

She also announced that as shelter clients move into homes of their own, they are in need of vacuum cleaners. If you or someone in your congregation has a working vacuum cleaner to donate, please contact Congregations for the Homeless Director Steve Roberts (206-295-7803 or stever@cfhomeless.org).

THE SOPHIA WAY: Sophia Way Executive Director, Helen Leuzzi (425-653-5893 or director@sophiaway.org) reported that the homeless women's shelter has provided 300 bed nights so far.

Congregations are encouraged to get involved with aiding homeless women by working with the Sophia Way, a program which journeys with women along the pathway from life on the street to life in a home. Women invited into the overnight shelter program participate in life skills classes preparing them for independent living. After completing the program women are recommended into our subsidized housing program where they can live in an apartment of their own for up to 2

years.

How to get involved:

- Make a dinner meal (similar to the Women's Center's lunches) - meals@SophiaWay.org
- Teach a Life Skills class on Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 8:30 - LifeSkills@SophiaWay.org
- Adopt an Apartment - parishioners bring used items to set up an apartment
- Become a Weekend Host - Friday and Saturday nights from 7pm to 7am welcome 8 homeless women into your faith home.

For more information about how you and your congregation can help, please contact Helen Leuzzi at 425-653-5893 or director@sophiaway.org.

THANK YOU, RICK RUSSELL: EISCC Co-president Marilyn Rands, on behalf of the entire EISCC membership, formally thanked outgoing EISCC Co-president Rick Russell for his years of service in that position, for his wisdom and gentle guiding hand, and for his continued commitment to EISCC and to helping make the Eastside a better place for all its residents.

CONGREGATIONS FOR KIDS: CFK Executive Director Nancy Jacobs (425-883-6406; bnjacobs@verizon.net) reports that the CFK steering committee meets this month to begin preparing for next fall's school supply and backpack campaign. Congregations that have not previously participated are encouraged to contact Nancy to be part of this much-needed and inspiring effort.

PROGRAM: COMMUNITIES COUNT: A REPORT ON THE STRENGTH OF KING COUNTIES COMMUNITIES. Molly McNees with King County Public Health (263-8771 or molly.mcnees@kingcounty.gov) presented information from the 2008 Communities Count report which details important trends in the county that affect the quality of life of all residents.

Among the report's findings:

- The majority of King County residents reported good quality in many aspects of life. On measures of neighborhood safety, social cohesion, stress and social support, community members were generally positive about their neighborhoods and their lives
- The population of King County is estimated to be 1,884,200, an increase of 9% since the 2000 Census. The County's fastest growing age groups are people ages 45 to 64 and over 74 years old. The County is increasing in racial diversity. For the County as a whole, and for Seattle, South and North Regions, the Hispanic/Latino population grew faster than any other racial/ethnic group. The percent of King County residents who are immigrants increased substantially, for 9% in 1990 to 15% in 2000. Over 46 languages are spoken in King County and almost one in five people speak a language other than English.

- King County is making progress in many areas. The 2008 report finds decline in the level of food insecurity in the County (*but it should be noted that this finding is based on data collected before the recent economic crisis forced so many local households out of work and that hunger relief programs are currently reporting large spikes in requests for help.*) High school graduation rates improved slightly in many school districts and infant mortality continued to decline. Rates of violent crime and auto theft were down and motor vehicle injuries and deaths decreased. Adult smoking rates continued to decline. While far too few people are finding alternatives to driving alone to work, the percent that do drive alone has declined slightly. Water conservation is in evidence and farmers markets are growing in number and size.

But in basic ways, many challenges still exist.

- Almost half of all jobs available in King County do not pay a living wage.
 - 24% of jobs don't pay a living wage (\$26,000 a year) for a single person.
 - 76% of jobs don't pay a living wage for a single parent with a toddler and a school-age child.
 - 64% of jobs don't pay a living wage (\$50,000 a year) for a 4 person family with one wage earner.

One of the main reasons for the substantial rise in living wage income required in the Northwest in the past five year is the rise in health care costs.
- In 2007, 9.9% of King County's population lived below the poverty level, up from 8.4% in 1999. Poverty among children increased as well. In 1999, 9.9% of children under age 18 were living in poverty, while that population increased to 14.3% in 2007.
- But poverty itself does not tell the whole story. The gap between rich and poor continues to grow. One way to illustrate the growing gap between the richest and poorest in King County is to measure income distribution across the population. The poorest 20% of households (those earning less than \$29,400 a year), together earned less than 4% of the total income in the county in 2007. But the richest 20% of households (with annual incomes above \$124,800) earn 49% of the total county income. African American households earned 51% of what white households earned, and Latino households had incomes about two-thirds that of white households.
- 44% of businesses in King County do not offer paid sick leave for their full-time employees. Without sick leave, workers are left to make tradeoffs involving the stress of going to work while trying to care for a sick family member or working while sick themselves, or taking time off work by using vacation days while available or risking loss of pay or a job.
- In 2006, 66% of Washington State employers offered health insurance benefits to full-time employees and 11% to part-time workers resulting in 85% of full-time workers covered by employer-sponsored medical and dental insurance, while only 20% of part-time workers had these benefits.

- In a 2007 survey, 6.8% of King County adults reported that household food often or sometimes did not last through the month and they lacked money to buy more. In the same survey, 8.4% of King County adults reported that they could not always afford to eat nutritionally balanced meals. *(The East Region rate of 3.3% was lower than the County rate and lower than the 10.8% for Seattle and the 10.4% for the South Region. In the North Regions, 8.9% of adults could not always afford to eat balanced meals.)* Those most likely to not have adequate food were people making less than \$15,000 per year, young adults, African Americans, Latinos, and those with less than a high school education. King County food banks served 215,941 people in 2007, almost 80,000 of them children.
- Lack of affordable housing is a significant problem in King County, especially for lower income families and individuals. Households that must pay a high percentage of their income for housing have little left over for other basic necessities. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 30% of gross income is the most that all but wealthy households can pay for housing without creating an excessive housing cost burden. In 2007, approximately 45% of renters and 41% of home owners in King County paid 30% or more of their household income for housing.
- 28% of King County residents reported that they had experienced discrimination within the past year, unchanged in the past six years. Those most likely to experience discrimination were younger people, those with less income, and people of color. Acts of discrimination were most often based on age, gender, social class, and race/ethnicity. The South Region and Seattle reported higher percentages of discrimination. Two-thirds of bias crimes were directed toward individuals on the basis of their race or ethnicity. There were 92 reported hate crimes in 2007, down from 100 in 2001, but still higher than 66 reported hate crimes in 2006.

This is just a sampling of the findings from the 2008 Communities Count report which is really quite an exhaustive look at both the strengths of our community and the challenges that we face together. Congregations and everyone else interested in helping to meet these challenges are urged to dig deeper into the report so that, armed with this knowledge, we will be better able to affect real solutions to our shared problems.

Copies of the report can be obtained by calling Public Health of Seattle & King County at 206-263-8767 or by visiting the Communities Count website at <http://www.communitiescount.org>.

And congregations and groups wishing to schedule an in-person presentation of the report's findings can contact Megan Horst, Action Agenda Coordinator for the Communities Count Initiative at 206-357-5440 or megan@sustainableseattle.org.

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BRIDGE MINISTRIES PRESENTS THEIR ANNUAL ROCK 'N ROLL DANCE, a fun, friend and fund raising event scheduled for **Saturday, March 14, 2009**—St. Patrick's Day! The dance will be held at Newport Covenant Church (12800 SE Coal Creek Pkwy, Bellevue, 98006) from 1:00-4:00pm. Congregations are urged to help by becoming event supervisors, volunteering at the event, or simply attending this afternoon combining lunch, beverages, treats, and live music. There is no charge for admission, but pledges are encouraged and appreciated. For more information, please contact Colleen Dodson at 425-885-1006 x113 or colleend@bridgemin.org.

THE WASHINGTON STATE REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT CONFERENCE will be held March 13th and 14th, 2009 at the University of Washington. This year's theme is "Changing Times, Changing Strategies" and the conference will examine new strategies that refugees, immigrants, and those who support them can use to bring about positive, social, political, and economic change. There will be many avenues for learning and sharing, including workshops, plenary speakers, social/networking time, and poster sessions. The cost of the conference is \$55.00 but a limited number of scholarships are available. For more information or to register please visit their website at <http://sites.google.com/site/refugeeimmigrantconference>.

BELLEVUE CROP WALK: Congregations are urged to join the 2009 Bellevue CROP Walk which raises money for both local and world-wide hunger relief efforts (25% of the funds raised stay right here on the Eastside benefiting Hopelink and the Emergency Feeding Program. The Walk will take place **Sunday, May 3, 2009** (registration begins at 12:30 PM; the WALK begins at 1:00 PM) and will begin & end at Bellevue First Congregational Church located at the corner of NE 8th and 108th NE in Bellevue. This year's goal is to have 400+ walkers raising \$25,000 to help needy feed hungry families here and abroad. For more information, please visit their website at <http://www.mindspring.com/~bellevuecropwalk/>.

THE NW CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONVOCATION IV will take place May 1-2, 2009 at Bellevue's Meydenbauer Center. The dawning of a new story calls us to radical hope, to create life-giving stories for our personal relationships, social structures, faith communities and planet Earth. The Northwest Catholic Women's Convocation gathers women for prayer, ritual, education, empowerment, celebration and transformation. Together we will envision new stories for our church and our world! For information about speakers and workshops or to register, please visit their website at <http://www.ipjc.org/>.

HEARTS AND HAMMERS is an annual two-day blitz to repair and rehabilitate the homes of those physically or financially unable to do so alone. Scheduled for **May 2nd and 3rd, 2009** this effort brings together Bellevue's Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, St. Louise Parish, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, and Temple B'Nai Torah. The repairs will include carpentry, plumbing electrical work, painting, plastering, heavy cleaning, and trash removal. There is no charge to the homeowners for labor or materials.

Who can volunteer? Skills are welcomed, but everyone can be put to work. For more information, please contact Sandy Lewis at 425-562-1228.

END SUMMER HUNGER! Hopelink will launch its annual **"End Summer Hunger"** fund and food drive in April and invites community groups, schools, businesses and our neighbors throughout the area to do their part to ease hunger and homelessness in our community. Considering the rapidly growing number of families in financial distress due to the economy, this campaign is more important than ever in ensuring Hopelink's ability to feed hungry children. The proceeds from End Summer Hunger will stock Hopelink's six food banks for the high-demand summer months when subsidized meal programs at schools are not available, and also support Hopelink's homelessness prevention programs. In 2008, the End Summer Hunger campaign raised more than \$119,000 in monetary and food donations.

The grassroots End Summer Hunger campaign begins April 1 and ends July 1, and seeks support from schools, individuals, businesses, and organizations. This program is particularly important because donations to Hopelink historically drop during the summer, leaving the agency's food banks with lower than normal supplies. Schools that support the program encourage children in classrooms to collect coins, while businesses, organizations and civic or community clubs hold food drives, fund drives, or both, according to what works best for them.

How you can help End Summer Hunger

Schools:	Hold a coin drive
Individuals:	Donate online at www.hope-link.org
Businesses:	Hold a food or fund drive
Organizations:	Hold a food or fund drive

CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting was closed in prayer by Karen Mae Smith of St. Madeline Sophie Catholic Church.

Brian Anderson, EISCC Secretary

**EISCC AND RELATED PROGRAMS
FINANCIAL SUMMARY
JANUARY 31, 2009**

	<u>EISCC</u>	<u>Sophia's Way</u>	<u>Kids</u>	<u>CFH</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Income					
4000 - Genl Contrib - Congreg.	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
4120 - ESAP	0.00	0.00	0.00	753.25	753.25
4200 - United Way Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,990.83	3,990.83
4250 - United Way (individuals)	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.42	200.42
4750 - Sophia Way	0.00	3,559.25	0.00	0.00	3,559.25
4900 - Interest Income	0.44	0.00	0.00	125.27	125.71
Total Income	<u>0.44</u>	<u>3,559.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,419.77</u>	<u>9,979.46</u>
Expense					
5000 - HR - P/R, Taxes, Benefits	0.00	9,063.87	0.00	21,338.13	30,402.00
6000 - Operations & Facilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,047.37	1,047.37
7000 - Housing and Related	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,017.51	8,017.51
7800 - Sophia's Way	0.00	123.81	0.00	0.00	123.81
8000 - Administrative & Related	0.00	89.16	0.00	1,103.00	1,192.16
Total Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9,276.84</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>31,506.01</u>	<u>40,782.85</u>
Net Income	<u>0.44</u>	<u>-5,717.59</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-25,086.24</u>	<u>-30,803.39</u>

**EISCC AND RELATED PROGRAMS
BALANCE SHEET
01/31/2009**

	<u>Jan 31, 09</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 - WAMU Checking	-4,712.97
1100 - WAMU Money Market	<u>169,991.16</u>
Total Checking/Savings	165,278.19
Accounts Receivable	
1200 - Accounts Receivable	25,113.00
1250 - Other Accts Receivable	<u>5,140.43</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	30,253.43
Other Current Assets	
1260 - Deposits	4,150.00
1300 - Bedding Supplies	<u>1,376.30</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>5,526.30</u>
Total Current Assets	201,057.92
Fixed Assets	
1400 - Gross Fixed Assets	7,939.67

1500 - Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-4,282.41</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>3,657.26</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>204,715.18</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 - Accounts Payable	<u>114.02</u>
Total Accounts Payable	114.02
Other Current Liabilities	
2100 - Other Accrued Liab.	7,398.33
2200 - Accrued P/R and related	9,534.10
2500 - Fed. P/R Tax Liab.	6,274.48
2550 - State P/R Tax Liab.	667.08
2700 - SIMPLE IRA Accrual	<u>1,472.76</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>25,346.75</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>25,460.77</u>
Total Liabilities	25,460.77
Equity	
3000 - Opening Fund Bal CFH	126,976.23
3010 - Opening Fund Bal EISCC	827.64
3020 - Fund Balance - Cong/Kids	4,861.66
3030 - Fund Balance Sophia Way	77,392.27
Net Income	<u>-30,803.39</u>
Total Equity	<u>179,254.41</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>204,715.18</u>

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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 12:00 noon □ 1:30 p.m.

PROGRAM: CONGREGATIONS FOR KIDS: PROVIDING SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LOCAL CHILDREN. LOCATION: BRISTOL HALL, ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH LOCATED AT 4228 FACTORIA BOULEVARD SE, BELLEVUE (ACROSS FROM NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL)

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order and conducted by EISCC Co-president Marilyn Rands.

OPENING PRAYER: The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Karen Mae Smith of Bellevue's St. Madeline Sophie Catholic Church.

SELF INTRODUCTIONS: Self introductions were made by 23 members and guests

MINUTES: The minutes of the February 10, 2009 meeting were approved as circulated.

TREASURER'S REPORT: EISCC Treasurer Pat McDermott (pmcdermott@amnis.com) reported that on 2/28/2009 cash balances total \$144,308. The large payment from the cities of \$17,882 was not collected until March 4. That is the primary reason accounts receivable totals \$25,113 at month end. Operating results are as expected. Nothing unusual was noted during the month.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS: CFH Executive Director Steve Roberts (206-295-7803 or steve@cfhomeless.org) reported that the shelter is currently at Grace Lutheran Church and will be moving April 1st to Westminster Chapel in Bellevue. The shelter is currently full of clients and has a waiting list to get in. CFH's transitional housing program continues to make placements as fast as clients qualify. The long-anticipated shower trailer for CFH shelter residents will be up and running by May.

THE SOPHIA WAY: Sophia Way Executive Director, Helen Leuzzi (425-653-5893 or director@sophiaway.org) reported that the program has added another weekend host's Bellevue's Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. They are still looking for three additional congregations willing to house their clients on rotating weekends throughout the year. She also reported that the Sophia Way has a new case manager on board. They are still looking forward to helping their first client become ready to make the transition from the shelter to transitional housing. Finally, Helen reported that several congregations have contacted her to make presentations to interested members. If your congregation would like to learn more about how they can help homeless single women make the journey from the streets to a secure home of their own, please contact Helen.

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PROGRAM: OLIVE CREST: HOMES AND SERVICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN. Shirley Stoddard, Faith Community Liaison for Olive Crest (425-462-1612 or shirley-stoddard@olivecrest.org) presented information about Olive Crest, a private agency that this summer contracted with the state of Washington to recruit homes for kids in our community.

The statistics are alarming. Every 9 seconds a child abuse report is filed in the United States.

Two-thirds of the estimated 1 million children who run away each year were physically or sexually abused. And every Death Row inmate reported growing up in a violent, abusive environment.

More than 50 children need foster homes every week right here in King County, but there are only 12 homes available for them. That results in kids left staying overnight in social service offices or in juvenile detention because there is no other safe place for them to go.

On the Eastside, 113 Eastside children and youth are in foster care, but only 15 of them were able to find homes on Eastside. The others had to be placed elsewhere in the state. Moving to another part of the state □ separating these kids from their schools, neighborhoods, and friends □ creates additional trauma for these kids. The population of King County is 267,511. So, the question is: Are there 113 families the Eastside that can provide a loving, supportive foster home for these kids.

Reasons Children Need Out of Home Care:

§ Domestic Violence
§ Parental Drug Use
§ Parents Incarcerated
§ Parents Illness
§ Parent-Child Conflict
§ Physical Abuse
§ Physical Neglect
§ Sexual Abuse
§ Medical Neglect
§ Abandonment

Types of Foster Care:

- ⌘ Respite Provision (1 weekend a month)
- ⌘ Receiving Care (Emergency care, temporary until placement)
- ⌘ Short-Term Care
- ⌘ Long-Term Care
- ⌘ Foster to Adopt
- ⌘ Adoption

Kids of all ages yearn to have families.

The Call to Serve: Children on the Eastside need homes. The foster crisis is real. Eastside congregations have an opportunity to serve locally and help change the culture of foster care in this community and across Washington State. The call is for all of us to be educated about the crisis and to help get the word out to those among us in whose hearts God has placed the desire to provide a home for a child in need.

Congregations are encouraged to contact Shirley to arrange for presentations and to initiate discussions. Again, Shirley can be contacted at 425-462-1612 or shirley-stoddard@olivecrest.org.

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THE EMERGENCY FEEDING PROGRAM: The Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle & King County announces their ☐ Prevent Summer Hunger ☐ food drive. Now through the end of the school year, EFP is encouraging congregations, schools and businesses to collect donations of:

- 7 Peanut Butter (18-oz plastic jar)
- 7 SPAM
- 7 Canned Vienna Sausages
- 7 Canned Soup
(Low-sodium & vegan soups are particularly needed)
- 7 24-oz Cans of Beef Stew
- 7 15-oz Cans of Pork & Beans
- 7 15-oz Cans of Chili
- 7 15-oz Cans of Corn, Green Beans or Peas
- 7 15-oz Cans of Peaches, Fruit Cocktail or Pineapple
- 7 1-qt Envelopes of Powdered Milk
- 7 Jars of Baby Food (*1st & 2nd Foods Only, please*)

Holding a food drive is a lot easier than you might think. EFP can provide food donation barrels, flyers, and donation pickup. You provide the heart and hands to ensure success.

When the final bell rings out another school year, many kids in our community may be facing more than summer vacation. With the loss of a subsidized school lunch, they may also be facing hunger. To find out how you can help, please contact Brian Anderson at 206-329-0300 or brian@emergencyfeeding.org or visit the Emergency Feeding Program on the web at www.emergencyfeeding.org.

THE NW CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONVOCATION IV will take place May 1-2, 2009 at Bellevue's Meydenbauer Center. The dawning of a new story calls us to radical hope, to create life-giving stories for our personal relationships, social structures, faith communities and planet Earth. The Northwest Catholic Women's Convocation gathers women for prayer, ritual, education, empowerment, celebration and transformation. Together we will envision new stories for our church and our world! For information about speakers and workshops or to register, please visit their website at <http://www.ipjc.org/>.

HEARTS AND HAMMERS is an annual two-day blitz to repair and rehabilitate the homes of those physically or financially unable to do so alone. Scheduled for **May 2nd and 3rd, 2009** this effort brings together Bellevue's Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, St. Louise Parish, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, and Temple B'nai Torah. The repairs will include carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, painting, plastering, heavy cleaning, and trash removal. There is no charge to the homeowners for labor or materials.

Who can volunteer? Skills are welcomed, but everyone can be put to work. For more information, please contact Sandy Lewis at 425-562-1228.

END SUMMER HUNGER! Hopelink will launch its annual ☐ End Summer Hunger ☐ fund and food drive in April and invites community groups, schools, businesses and our neighbors throughout the area to do their part to ease hunger and homelessness in our community. Considering the rapidly growing number of families in financial distress due to the economy, this campaign is more important than ever in ensuring Hopelink's ability to feed hungry children. The proceeds from End Summer Hunger will stock Hopelink's six food banks for the high-demand summer months when subsidized meal programs at schools are not available, and also support Hopelink's homelessness prevention programs. In 2008, the End Summer Hunger campaign raised more than \$119,000 in monetary and food donations.

The grassroots End Summer Hunger campaign begins April 1 and ends July 1, and seeks support from schools, individuals, businesses, and organizations. This program is particularly important because donations to Hopelink historically drop during the summer, leaving the agency's food banks with lower than normal supplies. Schools that support the program encourage children in classrooms to collect coins, while businesses, organizations and civic or community clubs hold food drives, fund drives, or both, according to what works best for them.

How you can help End Summer Hunger

- Schools: Hold a coin drive
- Individuals: Donate online at www.hope-link.org
- Businesses: Hold a food or fund drive
- Organizations: Hold a food or fund drive

For information on how to get involved in End Summer Hunger, go to www.hope-link.org or Hopelink's website for young philanthropists, <http://youthlink.hope-link.org/>.

MICROCREDIT-OIKOCREDIT, SMALL LOANS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: Oikocredit Northwest presents Terry Provance, Executive Director of Oikocredit USA. **Wednesday, April 22, 2009 from 4:00 to 5:30pm at Bellevue First Congregational Church** (752 - 108th Ave NE in Bellevue). Provance is a well-known expert in the field of microcredit. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn all about how microcredit loans impact the world's poorest of poor. The economic crisis is impacting people across the globe. Learn how socially responsible investments rather than donations can make lasting changes in the lives of those in need.

For further information call Helen Leuzzi at 425-653-5893 or email oikosupportnw@gmail.com

CALLING ALL GARDENERS: Bellevue Parks & Community Services is offering a new way for neighbors to help their neighbors as we all experience the negative effects of the national recession. Within the next two months, approximately 20 new Seasonal P-Patch Community Gardening Plots will be opened at Crossroads Community Park. Before these plots are offered to the general public, the City will first make new plots available to local neighborhood or community groups. These volunteer groups will commit to tend a plot of approximately 400 square feet for the upcoming gardening season (April-October) and provide the majority of their produce harvest to a local food bank or feeding program.

The intent of this program is to help build a sense of community for your group through shared cultivation of a garden and to grow a meaningful amount of produce to help feed local families in need at a time when food banks struggle to keep up with demand. To meet both goals, we ask that volunteer groups make a commitment to the full five-month gardening season and include a leader who has vegetable gardening experience. Please note, this opportunity is not a good match for groups looking for a one-time community service event or those looking to use a garden plot solely as an educational opportunity or for growing non-food crops.

If you know of a group interested in serving the community in this way, please contact Camron Parker at cparker@bellevuewa.gov or (425) 452-2032 before Friday, April 3, 2009. Once Parks & Community Services has determined if there is sufficient interest to offer this program, groups will be provided with more detailed registration information and asked to make a firm commitment before the end of April.

CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting was closed in prayer by Karen Mae Smith of St. Madeline Sophie Catholic Church.

Brian Anderson, EISCC Secretary

EISCC AND RELATED PROGRAMS BALANCE SHEET 02/28/2009

	<u>Feb 28, 09</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 - WAMU Checking	108.27
1100 - WAMU Money Market	<u>144,308.88</u>
Total Checking/Savings	144,417.15
Accounts Receivable	
1200 - Accounts Receivable	25,113.00
1250 - Other Accts Receivable	<u>5,100.43</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	30,213.43
Other Current Assets	
1260 - Deposits	4,650.00
1300 - Bedding Supplies	<u>1,376.30</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>6,026.30</u>
Total Current Assets	180,656.88
Fixed Assets	
1400 - Gross Fixed Assets	7,939.67
1500 - Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-4,282.41</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>3,657.26</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>184,314.14</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 - Accounts Payable	<u>8,101.86</u>
Total Accounts Payable	8,101.86
Other Current Liabilities	
2100 - Other Accrued Liab.	5,637.90
2200 - Accrued P/R and related	9,534.10
2500 - Fed. P/R Tax Liab.	5,381.51
2550 - State P/R Tax Liab.	1,239.94
2700 - SIMPLE IRA Accrual	<u>1,331.77</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>23,125.22</u>
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Equity	
3000 - Opening Fund Bal CFH	126,976.23
3010 - Opening Fund Bal EISCC	827.64
3020 - Fund Balance - Cong/Kids	10,473.61

3030 - Fund Balance Sophia Way	77,392.27
Net Income	<u>-62,582.69</u>
Total Equity	<u>153,087.06</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>184,314.14</u>

EISCC AND RELATED PROGRAMS
FINANCIAL SUMMARY
FEBRUARY 28, 2009

	EISCC		Kids		Sophia's Way		CFH		TOTAL	
	Feb 09	Jan - Feb 09	Feb 09	Jan - Feb 09	Feb 09	Jan - Feb 09	Feb 09	Jan - Feb 09	Feb 09	Jan - Feb 09
Income										
4000 - Genl Contrib - Congreg.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,816.70	5,166.70	3,816.70	5,166.70
4120 - ESAP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	753.25	1,506.50	753.25	1,506.50
4200 - United Way Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,990.83	7,981.66	3,990.83	7,981.66
4250 - United Way (individuals)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	185.56	385.98	185.56	385.98
4400 - Other Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.65	16.65	16.65	16.65
4600 - Contrib. Rent Buydowns	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
4700 - Congregations for Kids	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
4750 - Sophia Way	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	826.00	4,385.25	0.00	0.00	826.00	4,385.25
4800 - Dues Income	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	40.00
4900 - Interest Income	0.08	0.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	67.61	192.88	67.69	193.40
Total Income	40.08	40.52	200.00	200.00	826.00	4,385.25	9,430.60	15,850.37	10,496.68	20,476.14
Expense										
5000 - HR - P/R,Taxes, Benefits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,241.57	17,305.44	19,971.76	41,309.89	28,213.33	58,615.33
6000 - Operations & Facilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	113.27	113.27	432.31	1,479.68	545.58	1,592.95
7000 - Housing and Related	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,369.42	17,386.93	9,369.42	17,386.93
7700 - Congregation for Kids	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	603.25	603.25	0.00	0.00	603.25	603.25
7800 - Sophia's Way	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	123.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	123.81
8000 - Administrative & Related	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	998.81	1,087.97	2,545.59	3,648.59	3,544.40	4,736.56
Total Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,956.90	19,233.74	32,319.08	63,825.09	42,275.98	83,058.83
	40.08	40.52	200.00	200.00	9,130.90	-14,848.49	22,888.48	-47,974.72	31,779.30	-62,582.69

From: Brian Anderson
To: brian@emergencyfeeding.org
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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
April 14, 2009

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 12, 2009, 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

PROGRAM: JUBILEE REACH CENTER: A MODEL, COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM SERVING THE NEEDS OF BELLEVUE'S DIVERSE LAKE HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD. LOCATION: BRISTOL HALL, ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH LOCATED AT 4228 FACTORIA BOULEVARD SE, BELLEVUE (ACROSS FROM NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL)

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order and conducted by EISCC Co-president Marilyn Rands.

OPENING PRAYER: The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Nancy Bent of First Congregational Church of Bellevue.

SELF INTRODUCTIONS: Self introductions were made by 24 members and guests

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 10, 2009 meeting were approved as circulated.

TREASURER'S REPORT: EISCC Treasurer Pat McDermott (pmcdermott@amnis.com) reports that At 3/31/2009 cash balances total \$123,822. Accounts receivable total \$90,672, reflecting the various billings that occur on a quarterly basis. Pat has expanded the financial package to include operating results for the separate programs. Operating results are as expected. Nothing unusual was noted during the month. *(Please see attached financial statement.)*

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS: CFH Executive Director Steve Roberts (206-295-7803 or stever@cfhomeless.org) reported that our community is seeing a rise in the numbers of individuals who are homeless, unemployed, and underemployed. The shelter is currently full a waiting list. CFH has 32 guys in permanent, supportive housing with more on the way. The program has leased another house (*the Factoria House*) and will be placing 6 men there in the coming months. CFH is looking for a volunteer, External House Manager. If someone in your congregation likes to do maintenance and is looking for an interesting, ongoing service opportunity, please have that person call Steve. The shelter's new shower trailer has been outfitted and is ready to be rolled out. CFH has hired a new, full-time case worker and has recruited a couple more life coaches.

THE SOPHIA WAY: Sophia Way Executive Director, Helen Leuzzi (425-653-5893 or director@sophiaway.org) was unable to attend the meeting but sent a written report stating that the program has raised over \$21,000 in grant income over the past few weeks. The women's shelter is at capacity and is anticipating a waiting list.

HOPELINK – EISCC EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: Hopelink's Bellevue Center Manager Jessica Ivey (425-943-7558 or jessicai@hope-link.org) present the 1st Quarter 2009 EISCC Emergency Services Fund Report. From January 1st to March 31st, 2009 donations to the fund totaled \$3,611.77. These generous donations from EISCC member congregations enabled Hopelink to provide the following services:

Service	Households	Amount
Rent	26	\$7,195
Water/Electric/Gas	12	\$1,639
Prescriptions	12	\$1,480
Bus Tickets	121	\$504
Total	171	\$10,818

Contributions to this fund should be designated for the *EISCC Eastside Emergency Services Fund* and may be sent to Hopelink at 14812 Main Street, Bellevue, WA 98007.

Many thanks to all who contributed to this important fund.

PROGRAM: CONGREGATIONS FOR KIDS: PROVIDING SCHOOLS SUPPLIES TO LOCAL CHILDREN.

Congregations for Kids Executive Director Nancy Jacobs (425-883-6406 or bnjacobs@verizon.net).

The mission of Congregations for Kids is to promote a successful public school experience for children in Bellevue in partnership with the school district and community groups. As participating congregations, we affirm our faith by helping children in need.

CFK's annual *Good Start Back to School* project has been helping needy students within the Bellevue school district with new backpacks and school supplies since 1996. The number of students helped in this current school year (2008-09) is approaching 1200. Identified by their principals, counselors, school nurses, and Family Connection Center staff as students who need backpacks and school supplies the most, they are part of the 2,993 students – 17.7% of the entire Bellevue Public School population – who qualify for the free and reduced price lunch program in Bellevue schools.

The majority of the backpacks that CFK prepares are for specific students in specific grade levels and are given to them before school starts. Extra backpacks are prepared for those who enter school later.

CFK is the only organization in Bellevue that works directly with the school district to provide backpacks and supplies to all children who need them, throughout the district.

Between 23 and 28 Bellevue congregations take part each year. *Good Start Back to School* has grown tremendously since the first project, held in 1996. Then, as now, it was geared to helping needy children start school on a level playing field, with age-appropriate backpacks filled grade-level appropriate school supplies. Ten congregations conducted drives that year, helping 143 students in 13 schools. Supplies were estimated to value \$6,000-\$7,000.

Contrast those numbers with the numbers from CFK's project this year. CFK helped 1,054 students at the beginning of school. Of those, 826 received new backpacks filled with school supplies, and the remaining 228 requested supplies only. An additional 105 students had received new backpacks and supplies by mid-February, making a total of 1,159 helped so far this year.

Good Start Back to School 2009: Congregations for Kids will hold its 14th annual Good Start Back to School project this summer, with drives for new school supplies conducted mainly within Bellevue congregations usually starting around July 19 and lasting for 4 weeks. Congregations will bring in the donations that they have collected to the Stevenson Elementary School gym for sorting. Gift card and monetary donations are also welcomed to purchase the many supplies still needed after the donations are sorted.

For more information about how your congregation can be a part of this important and inspiring effort, please contact Nancy Jacobs at 425-883-6406 or bnjacobs@verizon.net.

Betty Takahashi, the Homeless Liaison for the Bellevue School District and head of their Family Connections Centers, reported that the problem of homelessness within the district has grown about 20% in just the last year. Homeless families move about 4 times a year. It has been shown that each time a student moves, they lose 3 months of school work. To help provide continuity and a stabilizing element in these kids' lives, children can now stay in the school they were enrolled in at the time they became homeless. So, for example, if a Bellevue family loses their home and is forced to move to a shelter in Seattle, the Bellevue School District will provide transportation to and from school for the remainder of the year.

In addition, the Bellevue School District operates 5 Family Connection Centers, located in schools that have the largest number of students qualifying for free or reduced-cost school lunches. These centers work in partnership with a variety of nonprofit agencies and service organizations—such as Congregations for Kids—to help provide for needy children and their families.

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KING COUNTY ALLIANCE FOR HUMAN SERVICES – URGENT CALL TO ACTION – EISCC

Congregations are urged to take action in support of two bills currently pending before the WA legislature—**HB 2252 AND SB 5433**.

HB 2252 is a package of funding that continues some of the special taxes in King County such as the hotel-motel tax, car rental tax, and restaurant tax that are scheduled to expire. Previously used to support projects such as the football stadium, these taxes would be extended to fund arts and heritage programs, regional centers, low-income housing and human services.

SB 5433 creates flexibility in local funding options for counties and cities which can be used to fund human services. The Alliance is in support of this bill.

WHEN: Right now! – we must get 2252 and 5433 out of committee and onto the floor for a discussion and vote.

URGENT AND KEY ACTION: Call or email Senators and Legislators and urge them to move 2252 and 5433 out of committee and vote "yes!" when they get to the floor. This is their opportunity to support King County's human services safety net.

NAMI WALK: The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization, is holding a fundraising walk on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at Seattle's Magnuson Park. The 5K walk will start at 10:00am. For more information and to register, please visit www.nami.org/namiwalks.

RESPONSE ABILITY BUILDERS: The representative from the Issaquah Sammamish Interfaith Coalition announced that a new non-profit ministry which is part of their coalition has received its 501 (c) 3 status and is ready to move forward. Response Ability Builders is an ecumenical ministry created to empower homeless persons to do disaster response. One of the disasters RAB wants to respond to is the local homelessness / lack of affordable housing disaster. RAB still needs to put the 10.5 acre "Launch Point" site south of Issaquah into the name of the non-profit. Then, Response Ability Builders are poised to begin with the first group of homeless trainees. Peace for the Street by Kids from the Streets, serving homeless youth in the Seattle area, is partnering with RAB on a project called Street to Dream, a six month commitment in which the participants will design and learn how to build small footprint, eco-friendly, transportable dwellings that can be used for disaster housing, auxiliary dwelling units, vacation cottages, etc. Those who complete the program can keep the first dwelling that each constructed and form a group to work as a contractor. RAB will keep its crews busy with local projects, including remodeling work for churches and other non-profits, masonry projects, landscaping, etc. in-between disasters, so keep them in mind to bid on projects. A few contracts in hand would go a long way toward getting the land title transferred! Contact the Rev. Eddy Fowler-Lindner (425 765 2269) or Elizabeth Maupin (425) 313 8937 for further information.

THE KINDERING CENTER: SALUTE TO COURAGE: EISCC members and supporters, their families and friends are cordially invited to attend the Kindering Center's annual spring luncheon—Salute to Courage. To be held Friday, May 8, 2009 from 11:45am-1:00pm at the Westin Bellevue (600 Bellevue Way NE). Meet the children and families whose lives have been changed by the Kindering Center's special education and therapy programs for infants and children with special needs. To register, please call Joe Cunningham at 425.653.4321 or register online at www.kindering.org. A complimentary luncheon will be served. This is a fundraising event and donations will be requested. A minimum donation of \$150 is suggested.

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EASTSIDE BABY CORNER: St. Margaret's Episcopal Church will be doing a Mother's Day Baby Shower collecting both items and financial donations to benefit Eastside Baby Corner. Other EISCC congregations are urged to consider doing similar drives. According to a recent article in the Bellevue Reporter, this is the first year that Eastside Baby Corner has not been able to fulfill all its orders. The top ten items they need are:

1. Long pants for boys & girls, sizes 3 to 8
2. Sweat pants & sweat shirts, sizes 3 to 10
3. Tennis shoes in all sizes
4. Socks & underwear for boys & girls, sizes 4-14
5. Warm coats, gloves & mittens for boys & girls, sizes 3-14
6. Pram suits and infant sweaters
7. Blanket sleepers size 3-6 & 6-9 months
8. Formula (Powdered Similac, Isomil & Goodstart (Goodstart—milk base only)
9. Avent, Dr. Brown, and Playtex nipples size 1 and bottle liners; they need to be new and in the original packaging.
10. Cash Donations of all sizes

To find out how your congregation can help, please call Eastside Baby Corner at 425-865-0234 or visit www.babycorner.org.

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- SPAM
- Canned Vienna Sausages
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(*Low-sodium & vegan soups are particularly needed*)
- 24-oz Cans of Beef Stew
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- 15-oz Cans of Peaches, Fruit Cocktail or Pineapple
- 1-qt Envelopes of Powdered Milk
- Jars of Baby Food (*1st & 2nd Foods Only, please*)

Holding a food drive is a lot easier than you might think. EFP can provide food donation barrels, flyers, and donation pickup. You provide the heart and hands to ensure success.

When the final bell rings out another school year, many kids in our community may be facing more than

summer vacation. With the loss of a subsidized school lunch, they may also be facing hunger. To find out how you can help, please contact Brian Anderson at 206-329-0300 or brian@emergencyfeeding.org or visit the Emergency Feeding Program on the web at www.emergencyfeeding.org.

THE NW CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONVOCATION IV will take place May 1-2, 2009 at Bellevue's Meydenbauer Center. The dawning of a new story calls us to radical hope, to create life-giving stories for our personal relationships, social structures, faith communities and planet Earth. The Northwest Catholic Women's Convocation gathers women for prayer, ritual, education, empowerment, celebration and transformation. Together we will envision new stories for our church and our world! For information about speakers and workshops or to register, please visit their website at <http://www.ipjc.org/>.

HEARTS AND HAMMERS is an annual two-day blitz to repair and rehabilitate the homes of those physically or financially unable to do so alone. Scheduled for **May 2nd and 3rd, 2009** this effort brings together Bellevue's Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, St. Louise Parish, Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, and Temple B'Nai Torah. The repairs will include carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, painting, plastering, heavy cleaning, and trash removal. There is no charge to the homeowners for labor or materials.

Who can volunteer? Skills are welcomed, but everyone can be put to work. For more information, please contact Sandy Lewis at 425-562-1228.

END SUMMER HUNGER! Hopelink will launch its annual "End Summer Hunger" fund and food drive in April and invites community groups, schools, businesses and our neighbors throughout the area to do their part to ease hunger and homelessness in our community. Considering the rapidly growing number of families in financial distress due to the economy, this campaign is more important than ever in ensuring Hopelink's ability to feed hungry children. The proceeds from End Summer Hunger will stock Hopelink's six food banks for the high-demand summer months when subsidized meal programs at schools are not available, and also support Hopelink's homelessness prevention programs. In 2008, the End Summer Hunger campaign raised more than \$119,000 in monetary and food donations.

The grassroots End Summer Hunger campaign begins April 1 and ends July 1, and seeks support from schools, individuals, businesses, and organizations. This program is particularly important because donations to Hopelink historically drop during the summer, leaving the agency's food banks with lower than normal supplies. Schools that support the program encourage children in classrooms to collect coins, while businesses, organizations and civic or community clubs hold food drives, fund drives, or both, according to what works best for them.

How you can help End Summer Hunger

Schools:	Hold a coin drive
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Businesses:	Hold a food or fund drive
Organizations:	Hold a food or fund drive

For information on how to get involved in End Summer Hunger, go to www.hope-link.org or Hopelink's website for young philanthropists, <http://youthlink.hope-link.org/>.

CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting was closed in prayer by Sandy Lewis of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection.

Brian Anderson, EISCC Secretary

From: Wayne Spohn
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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
May 12, 2009

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 10, 2009, 12:00 noon □ 1:30 p.m.
PROGRAM: KITH (KIRKLAND INTERFAITH TRANSITIONS IN HOUSING) CREATING HOUSING SOLUTIONS FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY. LOCATION: BRISTOL HALL, ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH LOCATED AT 4228 FACTORIA BOULEVARD SE, BELLEVUE (ACROSS FROM NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL)

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order and conducted by EISCC Co-president Lloyd Van Vactor.

OPENING PRAYER: The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Diana Stice of First United Methodist Church of Bellevue.

SELF INTRODUCTIONS: Self introductions were made by 31 members and guests

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 14, 2009 meeting were approved as circulated.

TREASURER'S REPORT: EISCC Treasurer Pat McDermott (pmcdermott@amnis.com) reports that at 4/30/2009 cash balances and accounts receivable total \$188,000. As noted in the April 2009 report, Pat has expanded the financial package to include operating results for all of EISCC's separate programs. (*This package will be send out as an attached to the monthly minutes.*) Operating results are as expected. Nothing unusual was noted during the month.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS: CFH Executive Director Steve Roberts (206-295-7803 or stever@cfhomeless.org) reported that it has been a □ banner year □ for CFH, but that this is not all good. The shelter is full with the largest waiting list ever. The shelter is now at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and the new shower trailer is up and running. It moves to Christ the King Lutheran at the end of the month.

CFH has also hired an assistant housing director to help manage their transitional housing program.

THE SOPHIA WAY: Sophia Way Executive Director, Helen Leuzzi (425-653-5893 or director@sophiaway.org) reported on a couple of significant milestones reached by the program. They have fully funded their first year of operations and their first client is moving from the shelter program into her own apartment this weekend.

The Sophia Way's biggest need is for weekend host congregations □ congregations willing to provide shelter for clients on Friday and Saturday nights. Weekend hosts provide accommodations in their facilities for eight women and one staff person on Friday and Saturday only for two months. Congregations interested in providing a safe weekend home

for single Eastside homeless women are urged to contact Helen for more information.

Another way for congregations to become involved is through the Sophia Way's Adopt an Apartment program. Congregations agree to help furnish an apartment for a client making the transition from the shelter into her own apartment home. The Sophia Way provides a handy list of items (*both small and large*) needed by the client, congregation members donate the items on the list, and the Sophia Way picks up the donations and brings them home to the client. It's an incredible way for congregations to get personally involved in giving a struggling woman a new start. Again, those interested in participating are urged to contact Helen Leuzzi at 425-653-5893 or director@sophiaway.org.

INTERFAITH TASKFORCE ON HOMELESS: Bill Kirlin-Hackett of the Interfaith Taskforce on Homelessness (ITFH) was on hand to give EISCC members a rundown on some of the achievements and setbacks of the recently completed WA state legislative session:

Select Budget Items

Budget documents can be found here:

<http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/budget/detail/2009/ho0911p.asp>

Emergency Services Assistance Program: \$10 million (short term)

Transitional Housing Operating and Rent: \$10 million (Includes the expansion!)

Independent Youth Housing Program: \$1.8 million

Re-entry Housing Pilot Program: Eliminated (as expected, though no less disappointing; Dept. of Corrections)

Housing Trust Fund: \$100 million (with \$18.5 million in set-asides, down from \$200 million last year)

General Assistance-Unemployable: Cash grant reduced by \$18 million; savings to GAU medical of \$38 million by switching to managed care; entitlement and \$339 grant amount intact. GAU advocates are declaring victory because these savings are achieved by making the program more effective rather than simply serving less people.

Select Bills

You can look up these and other bills on the legislative website, here:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>

HB 2331: On the way to the Governor! It picked up two amendments: clearly exempting birth/death certificates (which were already exempt) and adding a 4-year sunset. This bill makes it possible to fully fund ESAP, THOR and other important state homeless programs.

HB 1492: Addressing the independent youth housing program. Signed into law.

HB 1227: Concerning Recreational Vehicles Used As Primary Residences in Manufactured/Mobile Home Communities. Signed into law.

HB 1250: Concerning administration of the Housing Trust Fund. Died in Senate Rules.

SHB 1663: Relocation assistance rights for motel occupants. Signed into law.

SSB 5219: Establishing a focus group to examine the need to provide housing for certain populations at risk of being homeless. Died in House Rules. (It was decided legislation was not necessary to make this happen.)

SB 5433: Modifying provisions of local option taxes. (The mental health services supplantation bill.) Delivered to Governor.

SB 5525: Concerning rental vouchers to allow release from state institutions. Delivered to the Governor.

SSB 5665: Authorizing a joint self-insurance program for two or more affordable housing entities or nonprofit entities. Delivered to Governor.

You may also find results at www.wliha.org and/or at www.endhomelessnesswa.org

Bill also reported that ITFH no longer operates under the aegis of the Church Council of Greater Seattle and is currently looking for a new nonprofit host.

PROGRAM: JUBILEE REACH CENTER: Brent Christie, Executive Director of the Jubilee REACH Center (425-746-0506 or brentc@jubileereach.org).

The Jubilee REACH Center is located in Bellevue's Lake Hills Neighborhood and partners with local churches, community service organizations, the Bellevue school district, local businesses and community leaders to support and affirm youth education, sustain healthy families and build relational communities.

REACH stands for **R**esources, **E**ducation, **A**ssistance, **C**ommunity and **H**ospitality.

The Jubilee REACH Center is located in Lake Hills (*next to Lake Hills Elementary School*), Bellevue's most diverse and underserved neighborhood. Lake Hills Elementary reports 39 languages spoken by the student body, and 64% of students qualify for free or reduced price lunch. The JRC's mission is to provide educational, emotional, and spiritual enrichment to underserved youth; support and sustain families; build community; and transform lives.

Working with 6 paid staff members and 400+ volunteers, The JRC's services include:

Before School Enrichment

The Jubilee REACH Center offers early morning educational support and emotional enrichment for children in grades K to 5. This free service allows low-income parents to get to their jobs in the morning and provides a safe, loving place for children. Adult volunteers affirm and support each child through activities that include arts and crafts, board games, musical instruments, reading and homework assistance. A light breakfast snack is served. Each morning concludes with circle time where children share their talents, engage in creative learning, listen to a story, or learn how they can help other children in the world. At 8:10am adult volunteers escort the children aboard the walking school bus to Lake Hills Elementary, one block away. Relationships are built with the children, their parents, the school and the community.

After School Enrichment

The Jubilee REACH Center offers After School Enrichment for students from Tillicum and Odle Middle Schools and their younger siblings at neighboring Lake Hills and Stevenson Elementary Schools. Students come home to a snack and chat at JRC with caring adults. After school tutors assist them with their homework before they then engage in fun, supervised activities in the Computer Lab, Recording Studio, Art

Studio or theater and dance. Every kid does something well. JRC is a friendly place for kids to discover their passions and build their futures, surrounded by a community of supportive adult and peer mentors.

Art Studio

The Jubilee REACH Center Art Studio is place where children and adults are encouraged to creatively express themselves through art. From making cards, jewelry and accent clothing to painting, sculpting, stamping and calligraphy; youth explore their talents, skills and passions. Through art, a life is affirmed, skills discovered and character is developed under the caring guidance of dedicated volunteers and passionate instructors.

Recording Studio

Story Time

While mothers are learning English, their toddlers, ages 2 to 5 years, may be enrolled in the Jubilee REACH Center's preschool preparation program. Children engage in structured learning and socialization opportunities with nurturing adults. Activities include crafts, songs, play, and educational games. Each session includes a snack and a story time with a popular children's story.

Play and Learn

The Jubilee REACH Center offers an opportunity for parents, caregivers and children, ages 2 to 5 years, to play and learn together. Through creative educational activities, families build loving relationships and learn effective parenting skills. This program is offered in partnership with Childcare Resources. Participants work alongside one-an-other through sessions facilitated by a trained, bilingual instructor. Play and Learn is open to anyone in the Lake Hills community.

Bellevue Youth Theater

Every child is a star. The Jubilee REACH Center partners with Bellevue Youth Theater to provide opportunities in the performing arts to all young people, regardless of income or ability. Every child who auditions gets a part and performs in front of a live audience. As one of the only free youth performing arts programs in the country, this exceptional program embraces social and cultural diversity while building self-esteem and confidence. BYT staff rehearses students in the JRC's theater room, making it possible for more young people to participate in theater arts. Last year "Fractured Fairytales" and "Prince and the Pauper" played before two full houses and kids that may have never had an opportunity to perform received standing ovations.

Parent Computer Class

Computers and the internet are now essential to a quality education. Over 800 families in the Bellevue School District do not own a computer and approximately 1,200 do not have internet access. To answer this need, JRC is partnering with the BSD to help introduce their "Access to All" curriculum web program to families on the margins. JRC provides training in basic computer use, then trains families in BSD's Curriculum Web. Families learn to access their child's homework assignments, follow their performance in the classroom and communicate via email their teachers, allowing parents to become partners and participants in their student's education. After completing a 3 to 6 week course, families take home a free computer.

Community Kitchen:

International Lunch

Each week members of the Jubilee REACH Center's diverse international community alternate in the kitchen to prepare sumptuous, authentic cuisine

from their home country. The International Luncheon is conveniently scheduled after Thursday morning ESL and Play and Learn Classes in the midst of the Chinese Golden Age social club. 40 to 60 adults and their children learn about their neighbors from other countries, build relationships, practice their English, and enjoy food, fun, fellowship and sharing family recipes around the world.

SOUP for Your Soul

A monthly thematic event, SOUP for Your Soul is a community dinner on the fourth Friday of each month from 6:00pm to 8:30pm Delicious food, inspiring music, exciting games for children and an all around great time of community fellowship for the whole family.

Community Care

Jubilee REACH Center's volunteers come alongside of individuals and families experiencing crises to offer a "hand up." Teams of caring volunteers come together to provide a helping hand with everything from home repairs, financial planning, material support and professional expertise. Community caregivers provide PEER relationship: **P**resence, **E**mpathy, **E**ncouragement, **R**esources. We give care, God gives a cure.

Dental Van

The Jubilee REACH Center partners with Medical Teams International to offer free dental services to families who do not have access to dental care. Medical Teams International provides a state of the art, fully equipped mobile Dental Van. Dentists, Dental Hygienists, and Dental Assistants volunteer their time and expertise. The JRC partners with neighboring Lake Hills Elementary School and the City of Bellevue Wrap Around Services to identify children with dental needs and without options to meet them. Then provide them dental care and teach families about the importance of proper dental hygiene like brushing, flossing daily and avoiding sweets. The Dental Van visits the JRC the third Friday of each month.

English Language Classes and Talk Time

The Jubilee REACH Center offers English Language Classes for adults of all ages. English is the language of relationship building and reconciliation that opens doors to social relationships, community and to gainful employment. Relational, experienced teachers provide personal instruction and guidance in speaking, reading, and writing English. Computer use and technology is also taught and incorporated into the classes. Four levels of English classes are offered per session - Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, and Talk Time. To provide for parents with pre-school children at home, a nurturing childcare is available through JRC's Story Time Program.

The Jubilee REACH Center serves as a "hub" service center supporting, serving, and advocating for the real, relational needs of underserved youth and families. It also serves as a model for other programs to follow.

To learn more about the work of the Jubilee REACH Center, to volunteer, or to schedule a presentation to your faith community, visit them on the web at www.jubileereach.org or contact JRC Executive Director Brent Christie at 425-746-0506 or brentc@jubileereach.org.

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ERIC PRESENTATION □ THE 2010 CENSUS: WHAT TO KNOW, HOW TO HELP:

Members of the US Census Bureau, Seattle Region will be doing a presentation on the 2010 Census on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 from 11:00am to noon at Bellevue City Hall, room 1E-108. Come hear why it is so important for us to get an accurate count, how you, your agency, and your constituents can be involved, and partnership opportunities (\$) available to organizations. For more information contact Debbie Lacy, Co-Chair, Eastside Immigrant and Refugee Coalition, 206-709-3948 or debbie_lacy@comcast.net.

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL IN 2009 □ MOTHERS LEADING THE WAY □ Health

Care Rally & March: On **Saturday, May 30, 2009**, thousands will rally and march in Seattle to lift up the message that Health Care coverage is needed for all who reside in our country. Currently, over 600,000 men, women, and children in our state alone are without coverage. Our country's health care system is not well. This rally and march, endorsed by more than 150 organizations (*including many faith-based organizations*), is not lifting up any one remedy to solve the ills of our nation's health care system, but that the need is urgent and that Congress must address this critical issue this year.

The march will begin at 12:30pm at Pratt Park in Seattle's Central District (20th Ave. South & East Yesler Way) and will conclude at Westlake Mall in downtown Seattle. Busses will be coming from different parts of the state - for more information on that and the march itself go to www.may30march.org.

ESL CLASSES TO RESUME IN ISSAQUAH: The Issaquah Sammamish Interfaith Coalition has helped to resurrect the Issaquah ESL classes that died when Renton Technical College lost its basic studies funding. The classes will now be run by volunteers following the Jubilee Reach model. Registration will be held on June 16, and classes will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6 PM on June 23 at Pine Lake Covenant Church. For more information or to volunteer to help with administration or teaching, contact Paula Harper Christiansen at paulah-c@comcast.net or 425 391 6498.

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CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor Jeanne Rempel of Evergreen Mennonite Church.

Brian Anderson, EISCC Secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES

P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662

June 9, 2009

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 14, 2009, 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

PROGRAM: EISCC & THE CHURCH COUNCIL OF GREATER SEATTLE –
ADVOCACY FOR THE COMMON GOOD. LOCATION: BRISTOL HALL, ST.

MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH LOCATED AT 4228 FACTORIA BOULEVARD SE,
BELLEVUE (ACROSS FROM NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL)

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order and conducted by EISCC Co-president Marilyn Rands.

OPENING PRAYER: The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Rev. Rick Russell of Eastgate Congregational United Church of Christ.

SELF INTRODUCTIONS: Self introductions were made by 21 members and guests

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 12, 2009 meeting were approved as circulated.

TREASURER'S REPORT: EISCC Treasurer Pat McDermott (pmcdermott@amnis.com) reports that at 5/31/2009 cash balances total approximately \$156,000. Operating results are as expected. Nothing unusual was noted during the month.

As Pat has discussed in the past, contributions from congregations are important to keep EISCC's budget balanced. For the 5 months through 5/31/2009, CFH contributions from congregations are lower by \$7,000 from the same period last year. Please encourage your congregation to begin and/or increase its participation.

Please contact Pat if you have any questions.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: The work of the nominations committee continues. They will be presenting a slate of candidates at the September EISCC meeting.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS: CFH Executive Director Steve Roberts (206-295-7803 or steve@cfhomeless.org) reported that activity in the shelter has been steady. The shelter is currently at Christ the King Lutheran in Bellevue and will be moving to St. Thomas Episcopal in Medina later in the month. The program has hired an assistant director of housing to work with Housing Director Sterling Bentsen.

In other news, the Alliance of Eastside Agencies—an organization of Eastside human service providers—awarded its "Legacy" award to our own Steve Roberts for his work with EISCC and CFH. It is an honor most sincerely deserved.

THE SOPHIA WAY: The Sophia Way successfully transitioned its first client from the shelter into housing last month and expects to transition two more women this month. The shelter is running at full capacity.

The program's biggest needs continue to be for weekend host congregations and for congregations to help furnish apartments.

Weekend host congregations provide accommodations in their facilities for eight women and one staff person on Friday and Saturday only for two months.

Congregations can also become involved through the Sophia Way's Adopt an Apartment program by agreeing to help furnish an apartment for a client making the transition from the shelter into her own apartment home. The Sophia Way provides a handy list of items (*both small and large*) needed by the client, congregation members donate the items on the list, and the Sophia Way picks up the donations and brings them home to the client. It's an incredible way for congregations to get personally involved in giving a struggling woman a new start.

For information about the program are urged to contact Sophia Way Executive Director Helen Leuzzi at 425-653-5893 or director@sophiaway.org.

CONGREGATIONS FOR KIDS: JoAnne Way reported that CFK's annual backpack and school supply drive will kick off on July 19th. Participating congregations will be collecting items for four consecutive Sundays and sorting will take place after that. As JoAnne put it, they are entering their "busy time."

REFRESHMENTS AND NAMETAGS: Members were asked to weigh in on two questions concerning how EISCC meetings are conducted. The first involved our current practice of serving a light meal at the meeting. Co-president Rands asked for a show of hands to indicate whether members felt that EISCC should continue serving food at the meeting. Most in attendance indicated approval. Because these refreshments are provided by volunteers, EISCC members are encouraged to sign up to bring in food as often as they are able.

Members were also asked if they thought that those in attendance should wear nametags. Most in attendance indicated that the current practice of providing table cards for regular attendees and nametags for guests was adequate.

PROGRAM: KIRKLAND INTERFAITH TRANSITIONS IN HOUSING: Jan Dickerman, Executive Director KITH (425-576-9531 x101 or kith.jan@verizon.net or www.kithgive.org).

Jan Dickerman, KITH executive director was on hand to tell us about the important work they are doing serving homeless families.

The KITH Mission: Guided by faith, KITH unites with individuals and families to confront homelessness and build safe and healthy communities.

The KITH Vision: To assist individuals and families on the Eastside who are facing a homelessness crisis by providing housing and services to help families become stable and self-sufficient.

KITH believes that families should be able to pay their expenses and still keep a roof over their heads. KITH believes that children should have what they need and that having a safe place to call home is a basic right.

KITH provides temporary and longer-term housing for individuals and families threatened by homelessness in the greater Kirkland region. Presently, KITH manages a twelve-unit apartment complex and owns two four-plexes. KITH provides case-management for its client residents and an assortment of related charitable functions serving the local community.

At the heart of KITH's services is case management. Case Managers work with participants to establish and work toward achieving goals. This helps eliminate homelessness by returning individuals and families to self-determination and self-sufficiency.

KITH also partners with a wide range of community programs and agencies to provide participants with every resource possible.

KITH provides a vital service toward an ever increasing need. The strength of our organization lies in the dedicated commitment of our staff, board members, volunteers and charitable donors.

KITH is an ambitious organization filled with optimism and fueled by the knowledge that we are making a difference in people's lives and the quality of our community.

Challenges are steep. On average, KITH receives 96 calls for help each month, but only has the resources to help one.

How you can help: In addition to your financial donations, KITH has need of volunteers. KITH welcomes and needs volunteers to handle phones and office matters. Painters, cleaners, carpenters and those with a flair for equipment repair are especially important. Handy in the garden? Skilled in raising funds? How about grant writing or working with the media?

Other Current Needs:

- Diapers – various sizes
- Children's clothing
- Small refrigerator – must be in very nice condition
- Unopened white/off-white interior paint
- Gift certificates for food and gas
- Toilet paper and paper towels (clients can't get these items at food banks.

If you would like to donate any of these items, or would like KITH to send you a volunteer application, please call Jan Dickerman at **425.576.9531 ext 101**.

The challenge facing all of us is to help the less fortunate find temporary and permanent housing. Each of us can help, whether it be personal services, charitable giving or simply prayers. **KITH appreciates and looks forward to your assistance.**

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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: You are cordially invited to help celebrate the **50th Anniversary** of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. The celebration kicks off on **Saturday, June 27th** from 3:00 to 6:00pm with a picnic buffet and games for all ages on the church lawn. Then on **Sunday, June 28th** at 9:00am join them for an Episcopal Eucharist with anniversary blessing and reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

All are invited! Food donations from Hopelink will be gladly accepted

The Church of the Resurrection is located at 15220 Main Street, Bellevue, WA 98007. The phone number is 425-746-0322.

MAYORS' DAY OF CONCERN FOR THE HUNGRY: The Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle & King County is recruiting volunteer teams to help with their 17th annual Mayors' Day of Concern for the Hungry food drive. To be held Saturday, September 29th, Mayors' Day is an opportunity for your congregation, workplace or youth group to make a real difference in the lives of hungry families right here in our community. Your team can be the difference between a family putting food on its table or sending its children to bed hungry. Volunteer teams commit to staffing a nearby store, handing out flyers at the market's door asking that certain nutritional foods be donated. Shoppers then purchase these items, depositing them in barrels on their way out of the store. EFP provides the flyers, barrel delivery, and donation pickup. You provide the hearts and hands that will ensure success.

It's a true win-win situation. Store managers like it because they sell more products and customers like it because it makes it easy for them to give. Volunteers have fun and, most importantly, **it will help feed local families.** With so many of our neighbors struggling, we simply must work together to offer our help in this time of such sharply increased need.

For more information, to register your team, and to reserve the store of your choosing, please contact the Emergency Feeding Program at 206-329-0300 or visit their website at www.emergencyfeeding.org.

BRIDGE DISABILITY MINISTRIES: Bridge Disability Ministries is working with the Kirkland Lodge at Lakeside and Life Care Center of Kirkland to hold their 2nd annual "Karnival" for the community. This event will be held on Saturday, July 25th from 12:00-4:00pm at Marina Park in Kirkland.

You can help support this event and Bridge Ministries by committing to be a sponsor. There are many levels of participation:

\$1,000 – All promotional materials will have your business name and logo. You may have a display at the event. Logo on banner.

\$500-\$999 – All print materials will have your business name and logo. You may have a display at the event.

\$250-\$499 – All print materials will have your business name and logo.

\$100-\$250 – Your business name will be listed on all print materials.

If you are interested in participating as a sponsor, or would like more information, please contact Colleen Dodson at 425-885-1006 x113 or colleen@bridgemin.org.

Thank you for your consideration of this opportunity to serve your community and make a difference for this often overlooked segment of our population.

SHAREHOUSE: The Sharehouse, a project of the Church Council of Greater Seattle, collects and receives donated furniture and household goods from individuals, religious congregations, and businesses. Working through more than 60 homelessness service agencies throughout King County, these items are then distributed at no charge to formerly homeless people. To learn about their pick-up schedule, their needs, or how you or your congregation can help, please call Michal Nortness, director, at 206-767-5280, visit them at www.thesharehouse.org or email mnortness@thechurchcouncil.org.

HOME2HOME: Home2Home accumulates "like new" furniture and household items from people who no longer need them and distributes them to economically challenged families on the Eastside. Clients are referred by school personnel, counselors, pastors, social workers and other non-profit agencies. Home2Home has limited ability to transport the furniture so donors are asked to transport their items to the warehouse. To find out more about Home2Home, to volunteer, or to donate items please call (425) 484 9481 or visit them on the web at

<http://www.fpcbelleveue.org/Departments/Missions/CommunityOutreach/ServingOpportunities/PartnershipOrganizations/Home2Home.ashx?p=1377>.

VOLUNTEER CHORE SERVICES: Could you give an hour a week? Simple household chores, grocery shopping, mowing the lawn, and help with small chores could be the saving factor that allows a senior or adult with chronic disabilities to remain living in their home. Volunteer Chore Services, a program of Catholic Community Services, matches you up with an individual near you who needs a little help in their home or yard. Great for high school service hours, flexible times, and will match based upon what you

want to do! Clients are in need all over East King County -- over 90 on my waiting list in need of a volunteer. Orientation provided and mileage is reimbursed. Call Adria at 425-679-0342 or AdriaB@ccsww.org.

HOPELINK: Hopelink is collecting school supplies to distribute to low-income schoolchildren, as part of its annual *Kids Need School Supplies* drive in July and August. Thanks to local donors – companies, service organizations and individuals – Hopelink will distribute backpacks and other supplies to schoolchildren who, without help, would lack the school-required tools they need to complete their schoolwork.

Given the tight financial circumstances of many families, particularly during the economic downturn, receiving these items from Hopelink will help conserve the precious cash resources families need for food and other necessities. Hopelink expects more parents than ever before to request school supplies this fall.

Hopelink's *Kids Need School Supplies* drive is collecting monetary donations as well as a wide range of school supplies. Hopelink is in particular need of three-ring binders (two-inch size), tab dividers for binders, wide-tip and narrow-tip markers, erasers, backpacks for older kids, scissors for older and younger kids (Fiskars is a reliable brand), pencil boxes and pencil pouches and rulers. The school supplies will be distributed to Hopelink client families in late August through Hopelink's food bank locations in east and north King County.

For more information, contact Teresa Andrade at 425 485-6521 or teresawa@hope-link.org or visit www.hope-link.org.

CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting was closed in prayer by Betty Spohn, Newport Presbyterian Church.

Brian Anderson, EISCC Secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

MAY 2009 FINANCIAL PACKAGE

Treasurer's Report

Balance Sheet

Income Statement – MTD and YTD

Program Statements – Monthly for the year

Congregations for the Homeless

The Sophia Way

Congregations for Kids

EISCC

To: EISCC members
From: Pat McDermott - treasurer
Subject: May 2009 report
Date: 6/15/09

At 5/31/2009 cash balances total approximately \$156,000. Operating results are as expected. Nothing unusual was noted during the month.

As I have discussed in the past, contributions from congregations are important to keep our budget balanced. For the 5 months through 5/31/2009, CFH contributions from congregations are lower by \$7,000 from the same period last year. Please encourage your congregation to begin and/or increase its participation.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Pat

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Accrual Basis

CONGREGATIONS FOR KIDS
Profit & Loss - Monthly for the Year
January through May 2009

	<u>Jan 09</u>	<u>Feb 09</u>	<u>Mar 09</u>	<u>Apr 09</u>	<u>May 09</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Income						
4700 - Congregations for Kids	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>
Total Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>
Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>200.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>200.00</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>400.00</u></u>

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Accrual Basis

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS
Balance Sheet
As of May 31, 2009

	May 31, 09
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 - WAMU Checking	-7,732.05
1100 - WAMU Money Market	163,814.67
Total Checking/Savings	156,082.62
Accounts Receivable	
1200 - Accounts Receivable	
1250 - Other Accts Receivable	5,240.43
1255 - Reserve for Doubtful Acct	-3,775.00
1200 - Accounts Receivable - Other	12,789.75
Total 1200 - Accounts Receivable	14,255.18
Total Accounts Receivable	14,255.18
Other Current Assets	
1260 - Deposits	7,803.00
1300 - Bedding Supplies	500.00
Total Other Current Assets	8,303.00
Total Current Assets	178,640.80
Fixed Assets	
1400 - Gross Fixed Assets	7,939.67
1500 - Accumulated Depreciation	-3,663.12
Total Fixed Assets	4,276.55
TOTAL ASSETS	182,917.35
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 - Accounts Payable	4,400.19
Total Accounts Payable	4,400.19
Other Current Liabilities	
2100 - Other Accrued Liab.	1,314.40
2200 - Accrued P/R and related	9,534.10
2500 - Fed. P/R Tax Liab.	6,847.43
2550 - State P/R Tax Liab.	1,568.53
2700 - SIMPLE IRA Accrual	1,778.24
Total Other Current Liabilities	21,042.70
Total Current Liabilities	25,442.89

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Accrual Basis

THE SOPHIA WAY
Profit & Loss - Monthly for the Year
January through May 2009

	<u>Jan 09</u>	<u>Feb 09</u>	<u>Mar 09</u>	<u>Apr 09</u>	<u>May 09</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Income						
4750 - Sophia Way	3,559.25	826.00	10,033.72	17,068.87	12,438.50	43,926.34
Total Income	<u>3,559.25</u>	<u>826.00</u>	<u>10,033.72</u>	<u>17,068.87</u>	<u>12,438.50</u>	<u>43,926.34</u>
Expense						
5000 - HR - P/R,Taxes, Benefits	9,063.87	8,329.35	10,502.21	10,129.22	10,898.62	48,923.27
6000 - Operations & Facilities	0.00	113.27	111.83	252.34	110.66	588.10
7000 - Housing and Related	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	535.00	555.00
7800 - Sophia's Way	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.26	86.26
8000 - Administrative & Related	152.97	1,602.06	719.84	1,255.73	830.34	4,560.94
Total Expense	<u>9,276.84</u>	<u>10,044.68</u>	<u>11,353.88</u>	<u>11,637.29</u>	<u>12,400.88</u>	<u>54,713.57</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-5,717.59</u></u>	<u><u>-9,218.68</u></u>	<u><u>-1,320.16</u></u>	<u><u>5,431.58</u></u>	<u><u>37.62</u></u>	<u><u>-10,787.23</u></u>

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Accrual Basis

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS
Profit & Loss - All Programs
May 2009

	<u>May 09</u>	<u>Jan - May 09</u>
Income		
4000 - Genl Contrib - Congreg.	115.00	11,100.86
4100 - City Grants	22.50	27,804.75
4110 - County Grants - HAF	0.00	3,750.00
4111 - County Grants - 2163-07	0.00	19,950.00
4112 - County Grants - 2163-08	0.00	22,880.00
4120 - ESAP	753.25	3,766.25
4130 - FEMA	0.00	2,020.80
4200 - United Way Grants	3,990.83	19,954.15
4250 - United Way (individuals)	0.00	551.26
4400 - Other Contributions	15.88	1,919.27
4600 - Contrib. Rent Buydowns	0.00	600.00
4700 - Congregations for Kids	0.00	400.00
4750 - Sophia Way	26,333.50	57,821.34
4800 - Dues Income	0.00	1,885.00
4900 - Interest Income	49.40	342.65
Total Income	31,280.36	174,746.33
Expense		
5000 - HR - P/R, Taxes, Benefits	36,527.93	163,863.91
6000 - Operations & Facilities	908.31	4,455.64
7000 - Housing and Related	10,885.25	46,510.22
7405 - Sophia Way rent	273.00	273.00
7800 - Sophia's Way	26.26	86.26
8000 - Administrative & Related	4,221.13	16,980.58
Total Expense	52,841.88	232,169.61
Net Income	<u>-21,561.52</u>	<u>-57,423.28</u>

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EISCC
Profit & Loss - Monthly for the Year
January through May 2009

	<u>Jan 09</u>	<u>Feb 09</u>	<u>Mar 09</u>	<u>Apr 09</u>	<u>May 09</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Income						
4800 - Dues Income	0.00	40.00	1,845.00	0.00	0.00	1,885.00
4900 - Interest Income	0.44	0.08	0.13	0.15	0.13	0.93
Total Income	0.44	40.08	1,845.13	0.15	0.13	1,885.93
Expense						
8000 - Administrative & Related	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Total Expense	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Net Income	<u>0.44</u>	<u>40.08</u>	<u>1,785.13</u>	<u>0.15</u>	<u>0.13</u>	<u>1,825.93</u>

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Accrual Basis

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS
Profit & Loss - Monthly for the Year
January through May 2009

	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	May 09	TOTAL
Income						
4000 - Genl Contrib - Congreg.	1,350.00	3,816.70	347.50	5,471.66	115.00	11,100.86
4100 - City Grants	0.00	0.00	27,782.25	0.00	22.50	27,804.75
4110 - County Grants - HAF	0.00	0.00	3,750.00	0.00	0.00	3,750.00
4111 - County Grants - 2163-07	0.00	0.00	19,950.00	0.00	0.00	19,950.00
4112 - County Grants - 2163-08	0.00	0.00	22,880.00	0.00	0.00	22,880.00
4120 - ESAP	753.25	753.25	753.25	753.25	753.25	3,766.25
4130 - FEMA	0.00	0.00	2,020.80	0.00	0.00	2,020.80
4200 - United Way Grants	3,990.83	3,990.83	3,990.83	3,990.83	3,990.83	19,954.15
4250 - United Way (individuals)	200.42	185.56	151.09	14.19	0.00	551.26
4400 - Other Contributions	0.00	16.65	1,493.32	393.42	15.88	1,919.27
4600 - Contrib. Rent Buydowns	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
4900 - Interest Income	125.27	67.61	56.55	43.02	49.27	341.72
Total Income	6,419.77	9,430.60	83,175.59	10,666.37	4,946.73	114,639.06
Expense						
5000 - HR - P/R,Taxes, Benefits	21,338.13	20,521.24	21,516.63	25,935.33	25,114.48	114,425.81
6000 - Operations & Facilities	1,047.37	432.31	682.54	907.67	797.65	3,867.54
7000 - Housing and Related	8,017.51	9,369.42	8,101.40	10,116.64	10,350.25	45,955.22
8000 - Administrative & Related	1,103.00	2,545.59	3,069.49	2,250.77	3,390.79	12,359.64
Total Expense	31,506.01	32,868.56	33,370.06	39,210.41	39,653.17	176,608.21
Net Income	-25,086.24	-23,437.96	49,805.53	-28,544.04	-34,706.44	-61,969.15

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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS
Balance Sheet
As of May 31, 2009

	<u>May 31, 09</u>
Total Liabilities	25,442.89
Equity	
3000 - Opening Fund Bal CFH	126,976.23
3010 - Opening Fund Bal EISCC	827.64
3020 - Fund Balance - Cong/Kids	10,473.61
3030 - Fund Balance Sophia Way	77,392.27
3100 - Net Fund Activity	-772.01
Net Income	<u>-57,423.28</u>
Total Equity	<u>157,474.46</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>182,917.35</u>

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
July 14, 2009

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 8, 2009, 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

PROGRAM: CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS. LOCATION: BRISTOL HALL, ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH LOCATED AT 4228 FACTORIA BOULEVARD SE, BELLEVUE (ACROSS FROM NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL)

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order and conducted by EISCC Vice President Sally Wing.

OPENING PRAYER: The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Sandy Lewis of Bellevue's Episcopal Church of the Resurrection.

SELF INTRODUCTIONS: Self introductions were made by 19 members and guests

MINUTES: The minutes of the June 9, 2009 meeting were approved as circulated.

TREASURER'S REPORT: EISCC Treasurer Pat McDermott (pmcdermott@amnis.com).

At 6/30/2009 cash balances total approximately \$155,000. Accounts receivable total \$100,498 as a result of 2nd quarter billings to the cities and King County. Operating results are as expected. Nothing unusual was noted during the month. (See attached June financial package.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The work of the nominations committee continues. They will present a slate of candidates at the September EISCC meeting.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS: CFH Executive Director Steve Roberts (206-295-7803 or steve@cforhomeless.org) reported that the shelter is currently at St. Thomas Episcopal in Medina and will be moving to Overlake Park Presbyterian on August 1st. The shower trailer is fully functional.

CFH staff held a retreat recently which focused in part on compiling a list of volunteer opportunities:

Volunteer Category	Volunteer Needs	(Bold-Current Volunteers)
Volunteer Coordinator	Reports to Executive Director	
	Recruits Volunteers	Trains Volunteers with CFH Staff
	Prepare a Budget	Evaluate Performance of Volunteers
	Plan Events	Contact Churches, media outlets
	Establish Policies	Attend Staff/board Meetings
Administration		
Computer Specialist	Assist CFH managers/staff with technical needs	
Administrative Assistant	Assist with filing reports, accounting in support of Pat	
Coaching/Mentoring		
Life Coaches	Modified case management; life skills coaching	
Buddy/Mentors	Talk to men (coffee, ball game, something fun-not coaching)	
Healthcare		
Psychiatrist	Assist or train coaches/shelters of DSM issues; evaluate men	
Psychologist	Training for CFH personnel on issues with men	
Physicians	Willing to do health check ups	
Dentists	Willing to do dental check ups and some procedures	
Chiropractor	Work on men with physical issues	
	CPR Training for Staff	
EMT or Fireman	Training ground for massage school;	
Massage	Provide blood pressure cks and general counsel	
Nurse		
Barbers		
Legal Assistance		
Attorney or Legal Agency	Provide reliable legal input and direction	
Social Security Specialist	Attorney or former Social Security worker	
Court/Probation Specialist	Understands judgments, sentencing, dealing with justice system	
Gifts in Kind		
Donations Specialist	Point of referral for clothes, supplies, furniture given for the men	
Employment		
Job Developer	Make contacts with companies, temp agencies to hire our men	
Career Trainer	Prepare resumes, teach job search techniques and interviewing	

Housing	
Housing Specialist-Low Income	Knowledge of housing available-Sec 8, vets, govt programs
Housing Support Person	Provide support, paper work for Volunteer Housing Director

Specialty Experts/Trainers

Life Skills Trainer	Teach or design classes (cooking, communication, anger)
Budget Trainer	Assist men with preparing and maintaining a budget
Credit Specialist/Trainer	Inform men how to analyze and handle credit situation
Bible Study Leader	Organize and/or lead bible studies; coordinate with churches
Computer Trainer	Help men learn web, Word, Excel at a minimum
Transportation	Coordinates Bus Pass/Tickets
Dress for Success	Teach men value of grooming and dressing
Veterans Specialist	Aware of system for health, housing for Veterans

Those interested in volunteering are urged to contact CFH's Paul Thomlinson at 206-295-1820.

THE SOPHIA WAY: Sophia Way Executive Director Helen Leuzzi (425-653-5893 or director@sophiaway.org) reported that the program reached another milestone as it has rented its first home. With this milestone comes an opportunity for EISCC congregations to help outfit five bedrooms within the next couple of weeks.

Interested congregations are asked to share this "bulletin-ready" announcement with members:

The Sophia Way is pleased to announce the opening of our first home to house our clients in need. The pressure to move clients from shelter to homes has grown as our waiting list for shelter has greatly expanded. As we make this bold move forward in faith we are in immediate need for bedroom furnishings. Other furnishings are in need as well but beds are the biggest current NEED. Please contact Janet Olin at 425-391-8328 or olinjp@gmail.com.

Thank you all for all you have done to help homeless women in our community.

Helen Leuzzi
The Sophia Way
Executive Director
425-417-7575
Director@SophiaWay.org

CONGREGATIONS FOR KIDS: Steering Committee Chair Nancy Jacobs (425-883-6406 or bnjacobs@verizon.net) said that requests for school supplies has increased this year. While previous years saw requests for some 900 kids in June, this year CFK has already received requests for 1343 students and they are preparing 1,500 backpacks and/or school supplies to meet the anticipated need.

On August 10th and 11th participating congregations will be turning in their donations. Sorting will take place for a couple of days, with packing to begin on Monday, August 17th. With so many additional backpacks requested, additional volunteers will be needed. If you are interested in helping, please contact Nancy.

PROGRAM: THE CHURCH COUNCIL OF GREATER SEATTLE: ADVOCACY FOR THE COMMON GOOD: Michael Ramos, Executive Director, CCGS (206-525-1213, ext. 3950 or mramos@thechurchcouncil.org)

The Church Council of Greater Seattle represents more than 400 congregations and 15 denominations in the Seattle area. It seeks to be a vehicle for member congregations to impact public discussion and to create conditions for social change, all moved by a desire for compassion and justice.

The CCGS's main focus is on overcoming poverty and building social justice, both locally and nationally. The CCGS partners with congregations, government, and others to meet the needs of vulnerable people, to educate on relevant issues, to organize for systemic change and to move towards a more just society.

GET CONNECTED:

The CCGS is a great way for you to connect with a faith-based network of people who care about making our world better.

Weekly Update: You are invited to sign up for the Church Council's regular email providing updates on activities and ways to get involved with Seattle's progressive faith community.

Action Alerts are calls for action in our community – writing a letter, making a phone call, or volunteering your time.

The CCGS also connects congregations through various ecumenical activities such as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Service of Hope, and Interfaith Conversation as well as by publishing their Religious Directory for the Greater Seattle Area - comprehensive directory includes contact information for all the clergy, churches, synagogues, religious communities, schools, residences, camps, and religion-related agencies and organizations.

For more information or to sign up, please visit <http://www.thechurchcouncil.org/subpages/unity.html>.

In addition, the Church Council offers six different direct action programs that meet human needs in the areas of homelessness, youth development, mental health and compassionate care.

HomeStep serves families, single men, women and young adults as they journey out of homelessness on the road to homes of their own. The program addresses the root causes of homelessness through skill building and family support to increase income, self sufficiency and stability

for a much brighter future.

Friend to Friend matches caring volunteers with residents in more than 220 nursing homes, retirement communities and assisted living centers in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties.

Seattle Youth Garden Works provides job training in an innovative, entrepreneurial market-gardening program for youth experiencing homelessness and poverty in our communities.

Social Justice Ministries partners with member congregations and other community organizations to help create conditions for social, economic and racial justice in our greater community.

Sound Youth VISTA AmeriCorps works to build capacity in communities, organizations and schools to empower King County's young people.

The Sharehouse is a free furniture warehouse that helps to end homelessness by turning houses into homes.

More information about these programs is available at <http://www.thechurchcouncil.org/subpages/programs.html>.

As Michael says, we are on the cusp of real change in this country. Let the Church Council of Greater Seattle be a resource for your congregation as, together, we make this community more closely resemble the one that God intends for us.

REFRESHMENT COORDINATOR: EISCC Refreshment Coordinator Betty Spohn would like to thank those who provided the food at our July meeting: Elizabeth Maupin, Sandy Lewis, Diane Richard, Karen Mae Smith, Betty Spohn, and Marilyn Rands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: EISCC members may share announcements pertaining to their congregations/agencies. If you wish these announcements to appear in the minutes, please provide them well in advance of any event that you are publicizing and to help ensure accuracy please provide them in writing to the recording secretary. Among the announcements at the July 14, 2009 meeting were:

JOY POCASANGRE announced that she and her husband have joined their adult children's synagogue in West Seattle, Kol HaNeshamah. Joy says that "KHN is a congregation where my husband and I feel we can fulfill our commandment [mitzvah] of repairing the world [tikkun olam]."

While everyone at EISCC is happy that Joy and family have found a supportive home as they continue their faith journey, we will miss Joy very much. Joy has been a member of EISCC for 22 years and has served this community wisely, selflessly, and compassionately. We hope that Joy will continue to keep us updated on how she and her family are doing as well as sharing information with us about the work of NESES (Niños Estudiando El Salvador - Children Studying El Salvador, www.neses.org), the nonprofit program run by Joy and her husband. Thank you for everything, Joy!

EISCC LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR: Joy's departure leaves open the position of EISCC Legislative Coordinator, a position by the EISCC Executive Committee. Long-time EISCC member Nancy Bent, representative of First Congregational Church in Bellevue and Coordinator of the yearly Bellevue Crop Walk, has agreed to take on these duties. We truly appreciate Nancy's capabilities and willingness to serve and are looking forward to working with her.

MAYORS' DAY OF CONCERN FOR THE HUNGRY: The Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle & King County is recruiting volunteer teams to help with their 17th annual Mayors' Day of Concern for the Hungry food drive. To be held Saturday, September 29th, Mayors' Day is an opportunity for your congregation, workplace or youth group to make a real difference in the lives of hungry families right here in our community. Your team can be the difference between a family putting food on the table or sending the children to bed hungry. Volunteer teams commit to staffing a nearby store, working in shifts to hand out flyers at the market's door asking that certain nutritional foods be donated. Shoppers then purchase these items, depositing them in barrels on their way out of the store. EFP provides the flyers, barrel delivery, and donation pickup. You provide the hearts and hands that will ensure success.

It's a true win-win situation. Store managers like it because they sell more products and customers like it because it makes it easy for them to give. Volunteers have fun and, most importantly, it will help feed local families. With so many of our neighbors struggling, we simply must work together to offer our help in this time of such sharply increased need.

For more information, to register your team, and to reserve the store of your choosing, please contact the Emergency Feeding Program at 206-329-0300, email them at info@emergencyfeeding.org or visit their website at www.emergencyfeeding.org.

EASTSIDE REGIONAL COORDINATED FOOD DRIVE: This year Mayors' Day will kick off an even greater effort to ensure that local households have the nutrition they need and deserve. The cities of Bellevue, Redmond, Kirkland, Issaquah, Sammamish, Mercer Island and Newcastle are planning an entire month of caring for the hungry in our community. Details are still being worked out, but rest assured that there will be plenty of opportunities for congregations, families and individuals to become involved. Watch for additional emails as more information becomes available.

TOGETHER WE BUILD: Together We Build is an Interfaith Coalition of Christians, Jews, and Muslims seeking to find common ground and learning from one another as we work together to build houses for low-income families in East King County, Washington. The 8th Annual TWB project for Habitat for Humanity will take place at Snoqualmie Ridge in Snoqualmie, Washington, on October 9-11 and October 15-17, 2009. The Youth Build Date will be October 12, 2009.

Additional congregations are invited to be a part of this project. The first planning meeting is scheduled for the end of this month. For additional information, please visit www.togetherwebuild.org or call Habitat for Humanity of East King County at 425-869-6007.

KING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM OUTREACH SERVICES: According to Diversity Program Coordinator with KCLS Outreach Services Jo Anderson Cavinta (425-369-3454 or jaanderson@kcls.org), the library offers a variety of services designed to meet diverse needs in our community. They offer a traveling library center, a technology lab, ESL and Citizenship classes, and "Fiestas" that help prepare Spanish-speaking children for kindergarten, among other programs. For more information, log on to www.kcls.org or contact Jo.

THE CITY OF BELLEVUE NEEDS SURVEY: It is not too late for your congregation to be part of the city of Bellevue needs assessment. Just

click over to http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=addvTKr1EowUsYC1CkcpDQ_3d_3d to add your voice.

CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting was closed with prayer by Elizabeth Maupin of the Issaquah Sammamish Interfaith Coalition.

Brian Anderson, EISCC Secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
September 8, 2009

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

PROGRAM: AGENCY PRESENTATIONS – EISCC Member Agencies will share information on their services and opportunities for congregations to become involved especially during the upcoming the holiday season.

LOCATION: BRISTOL HALL, ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 4228 FACTORIA BOULEVARD SE, BELLEVUE (ACROSS FROM NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL)

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order and conducted by EISCC Co-President Lloyd Van Vactor.

OPENING PRAYER: The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Steve Roberts of First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue and Congregations for the Homeless.

SELF INTRODUCTIONS: Self introductions were made by 33 members and guests

MINUTES: The minutes of the July 14, 2009 meeting were approved as circulated.

TREASURER'S REPORT: EISCC Treasurer Pat McDermott (pmcdermott@amnis.com).

At 8/31/2009 cash balances total over \$208,000. Operating results are as expected. Nothing unusual was noted during the month.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: The nominations committee presented the following slate of candidates to serve on the EISCC Executive Committee in the coming year:

Co-Presidents: Lloyd Van Vactor, JoAnne Way
 Vice-President: Sally Wing
 Secretary: Brian Anderson
 Treasurer: Pat McDermott
 Member-at-Large: Sandy Lewis

THE SOPHIA WAY: Sophia Way Executive Director Helen Leuzzi (425-417-7575 or director@sophiaway.org) reported that since the program began in December of 2008 the Sophia Way has:

- Served more than 4,000 meals
- Provided a bed 1,500 times
- Held classes on managing finances, maintaining a credit rating, staying healthy, nutrition, writing a resume, cooking, resolving conflicts, and more
- Offered case management support
- Opened 3 apartments and our first 5-bedroom house
- Touched the lives of 45 women

As the one year anniversary of the Sophia Way approaches, a celebration is definitely in order! **Please save the date** for their anniversary celebration on **Wednesday, December 9th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** More details will follow in the very near future. The next year will be critical to their ability both to maintain and increase services. The continued support of EISCC congregations is essential!

Currently, the Sophia Way is in need of a few more volunteers in the area of committee work both with their residential housing efforts and in fund development. If you are interested, please contact Helen Leuzzi at 425-417-7575 or director@sophiaway.org.

CONGREGATIONS FOR KIDS: Chair Nancy Jacobs (425-883-6406 or bnjacobs@verizon.net) reported that the 14th annual Good Start Back to School project was a big success. CFK provided supplies and backpacks to 1497 students in 28 different Bellevue Public Schools. That is 265 more than in 2008 – a 22% increase. The value of this year's project is estimated at \$43,340 before taxes.

Congregations for Kids was cited as a model program in a Seattle Times editorial that appeared in the August 25, 2009 edition of the newspaper (view it at http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/editorials/2009736752_edit26packs.html.)

CFK would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to ensure that needy kids in the Bellevue School district will be off to a good start in the new school year.

PROGRAM: CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS: Steve Roberts, Executive Director, (206-295-7803 or steve@cforhomeless.org) reported on 15 years of making a real difference in our community.

In the past year alone (July 1, 2008 to July 1, 2009), CFH served 129 men in their homeless shelter. 47 men moved into permanent housing and five men graduated from CFH housing. Currently, there are more than 40 men in the permanent housing provided through CFH.

The past year has also seen CFH move into new offices (located at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 2650 148th Ave SE in Bellevue), as well as the addition of new staff, a new shower trailer for the shelter program, and the countywide launching of the Landlord Liaison Project, which allows landlords to relax eligibility criteria in return for assurances that persons enrolled in the project will receive case management and the financial support they need to be successful tenants.

New Volunteer Coordinator/New Volunteer Opportunities – Longtime CFH life coach and all round volunteer Stacey Witte has been hired for the position of Volunteer Coordinator. Stacey is looking for volunteers to provide the following services:

Volunteers Needed	Volunteer Description
Dentists	Willing to do dental check up and basic procedures

Nurse	Perform blood pressure and pulse rate checks
Physician's Assistant	Perform blood pressure and pulse rate checks and general counsel
Physicians	Perform health check ups
Psychiatrist	Assist or train coaches/shelters of DSM issues, evaluate men
Podiatrist	Perform monthly foot checks, counsel on basic foot care
Financial Literacy Specialist	Educate the men in basic budgeting and banking
Social Security Specialist	Attorney or former Social Security worker to help navigate the S.S.I. system
Court/Probation Specialist	Understands judgments, sentencing, dealing with justice system
Attorney or Legal Agency	To support men with legal matters; provide reliable legal input and direction
Career Trainer	Prepare resumes, teach job search techniques and interviewing
Job Developer	Build relationships with companies to assist men in getting employment
Donations Specialist	Point of referral for clothes, supplies and furniture donated to men
Computer Technician	Help men learn Web, Excel, Word

CFH Funding Sources – EISCC/CFH Treasurer Pat McDermott reported that in addition to funding received through contracts with the cities of Bellevue, Issaquah, Redmond, Kirkland, Sammamish and Woodinville, as well as with King County, through its 15 years CFH has also received between \$20,000 and \$40,000 a year in support from congregations. In 2009, funding for CFH will top \$500,000.

Changes at the CFH Shelter – CFH Shelter Director David Johns Bowling reported that one of the improvements to the operation of the nightly shelter was a change that now requires the onsite shelter managers to remain awake and on duty all night long. This provides complete coverage during all shelter hours. In addition, CFH has hired a graduate of the program, Barrett Compton, as backup site manager working four nights a week to support the regular site managers during the peak times of 6:45 to 9:45 p.m.

Case Management is Key – One of the elements that makes CFH such a successful program is the case management provided to the men in the program. With three case managers on staff and a team of 12 volunteer life coaches each supporting, mentoring, and guiding the program participants, the case management provided by CFH greatly increases the chances that the men will make a successful transition from hopelessness to hope. Working closely with a host of other social service agencies, CFH case managers and life coaches help remove barriers such as addiction, mental health issues, and unemployment that could get in the way of success.

The Transition from the Shelter to Subsidized Housing – The CFH Housing Program led by Director of Housing Sterling Bentsen and New Associate Director of Housing Jerry Ringer has been successfully locating new apartments for the men and keeping CFH's two houses full. The program now has over 40 men in permanent housing and has a success rate of over 95% for men completing a full year of housing stability.

Bellevue's Severe Weather Shelter – Last year's severe winter saw increased hardship for many in our community, but no segment was more greatly affected than those without homes. In order to make sure that those without proper shelter had someplace to go during the worst of the winter, the city of Bellevue turned to CFH to manage their severe weather shelter. Just one more way that CFH professionals were able to look out for the marginalized in our midst.

CFH would like to thank EISCC and its member congregations for all the support they have received throughout their 15 years of service, not only for the vital financial support, but also for their prayers, for hosting the shelter, volunteering to bring meals, and all the ways that EISCC has helped CFH provide the many services that the men need as they come out of homelessness.

LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR: EISCC Legislative Coordinator Nancy Bent noted that the lives of people served by EISCC member congregations and agencies are greatly affected by the actions of local and national government. Nancy asks that EISCC members who are aware of important bills or referendums that are coming up for discussion to make her aware of them. Nancy can be contacted at nancybent@comcast.net.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: EISCC members may share announcements pertaining to their congregations/agencies. If you wish these announcements to appear in the minutes, please provide them well in advance of any event that you are publicizing and to help ensure accuracy please provide them in writing to the recording secretary. Among the announcements at the September 8, 2009 meeting were:

NAMI Eastside is sponsoring a fall *Visions for Tomorrow* education course in Redmond for parents and direct caregivers of children and adolescents diagnosed with mental illness. The course is free and will present information about brain biology and a variety of mental health disorders, including autism, ADHD, bipolar disorder, conduct disorder, depressive disorder, eating disorders, and schizophrenia. Other topics include psychotherapy treatments, coping skills, and self care. The course will begin on Monday, September 21, 2009 and will be offered for nine consecutive Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. The course ends on November 16, 2009. Classes will be held at The Family Resource Center, 16225 NE 87th ST, Redmond, 98052. Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, please call NAMI Eastside at (425) 885-NAMI (6264) or contact info@nami-eastside.org.

HERO HOUSE: Save the Date! Hero House, a program that provides educational, vocational, and social opportunities to its members – adults recovering from mental illness – will present their 2009 Gala and Silent Auction on **Sunday, November 8, 2009** from 2:00 to 5:00pm at the North Bellevue Community Center located at 4063 148th Ave SE.

This year they are featuring renowned stage and screen actor Jon Cypher, of Hill Street Blues and Major Dad.

The Gala is intended to show appreciation and more importantly to raise money for the clubhouse. This year's fund raising is **crucial** as the economic crisis has caused Hero House to lose much of the funding upon which it has depended to carry out its mission. For more information about the Gala, please contact Hero House at 425-614-1282.

EASTSIDE MONTH OF CONCERN FOR THE HUNGRY: Join your neighbors and friends to help fill local food bank shelves and feed your neighbors in need this Autumn.

The cities of Kirkland, Redmond, Bellevue, Issaquah, Sammamish, and Mercer Island are committed to supporting the efforts of local food banks and emergency feeding programs by coordinating with the Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle & King County, Hopelink, World Impact

Network Renewal Food Bank, ARAS Foundation Sammamish, Issaquah Food Bank, and the Mercer Island Food Bank. September 26 - October 24, 2009 has been declared "**Eastside's Month of Concern for the Hungry**" and citizens are urged to help those who are hungry by donating non-perishable items.

For a list of "most-needed" food items, the locations of the many convenient food drop off sites, and ideas about how you, your family, and your congregation can help, please visit <http://www.eastsideforum.org/fooddrive/>.

TOGETHER WE BUILD: Together We Build is an Interfaith Coalition of Christians, Jews, and Muslims seeking to find common ground and learning from one another as we work together to build houses for low-income families in East King County, Washington. The 8th Annual TWB project for Habitat for Humanity will take place at Snoqualmie Ridge in Snoqualmie, Washington, on October 9-11 and October 15-17, 2009. The Youth Build Date will be October 12, 2009.

Additional congregations are invited to be a part of this project. The first planning meeting is scheduled for the end of this month. For additional information, please visit www.togetherwebuild.org or call Habitat for Humanity of East King County at 425-869-6007.

KITH: Kirkland Interfaith Transitions in Housing invites you to "Spend an Evening Under the Tuscan Moon." This, the **seventh annual KITH Dinner**, will be held on **Saturday, October 3rd** at Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church in Kirkland. This gala evening "Under the Tuscan Moon", will feature a lush Italian theme with delicious dining and libations, plus featured speaker Robert Fulghum. Robert Fulghum has published seven best-selling books including *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. There are currently more than 16 million copies of his books in print, published in 27 languages in 103 countries.

Proceeds from the event represent a large portion of the funding for KITH programs that help homeless families on the Greater Eastside.

For more information visit <http://www.kithcares.org/news/dinner2009.htm>, or call 425-576-9531 x.101.

HOPELINK NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! Hopelink relies upon volunteers for such jobs as sorting food in its food banks; helping adults learn to read, do basic math, study for the GED exams or learn English as a second language; providing child care and homework tutoring to children in our housing facilities; delivering food to homebound clients; or answering phones and helping with administrative tasks. Hopelink's new Kirkland/Northshore center in the Totem Lake neighborhood is in particular need of volunteers for its new grocery store-style food bank.

Hopelink asks new volunteers over age 16 and volunteers between the ages of 12 and 16 with parent/guardian supervision to register to attend a mandatory orientation.

To register, please visit www.hope-link.org/takeaction/volunteer or call (425) 869-6066. Registration for orientation is necessary as space is very limited; seating is first-come, first-served so please arrive at the orientation session promptly. You will receive a registration confirmation email or phone call.

- Thursday, October 1, 2009, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Hopelink's Shoreline center, 15809 Westminster Way N., Shoreline.
- Wednesday, October 7, 2009. Afternoon and evening sessions are available:
 - 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at Hopelink's Bellevue center, 14812 Main St., Bellevue.
 - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Hopelink's NEW Kirkland/Northshore center, 11011 120th Avenue NE, Kirkland.
- Tuesday, October 13, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Hopelink's Redmond center, Building A, 16225 NE 87th St., Redmond.
- Wednesday, October 14, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at Hopelink's Carnation center, 31957 Commercial Street in Carnation.

CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting was closed with prayer by Karen Mae Smith of St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic Church in Bellevue.

Brian Anderson, EISCC Secretary

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P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662

October 13, 2009

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 10, 2009, 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.**PROGRAM: EISCC MEMBER AGENCY PRESENTATIONS** – EISCC Member Agencies will share information on their services and opportunities for congregations to become involved especially during the upcoming the holiday season.**LOCATION:** BRISTOL HALL, ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 4228 FACTORIA BOULEVARD SE, BELLEVUE (ACROSS FROM NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL)**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order and conducted by EISCC Co-President Marilyn Rands.**OPENING PRAYER:** The meeting was opened with prayer offered by David Emery from Bridge Disability Ministries.**SELF INTRODUCTIONS:** Self introductions were made by 28 members and guests**MINUTES:** The minutes of the September 8, 2009 meeting were approved as circulated.**TREASURER'S REPORT:** EISCC Treasurer Pat McDermott (pmcdermott@amnis.com).

At 9/30/2009 cash balances total over \$175,000. Accounts receivable are over \$132,000, reflecting 3rd quarter billings. Operating results are as expected. Nothing unusual was noted during the month.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS: Steve Roberts, Executive Director, (206-295-7803 or steve@cfhomeless.org) reported that the shelter is at Eastshore Unitarian Church this month and will be moving to First Congregational UCC of Bellevue in November. The program continues to move more men from the shelter into permanent housing.

Congregations for the Homeless is in need of more blankets as the weather grows colder. If you can help, please contact Steve.

CONGREGATIONS FOR KIDS: JoAnne Way of CFK reported that an additional 106 backpacks filled with supplies have been provided to the Bellevue School District for new students. That brings the total students served this year to over 1600.In the past, CFK has followed up their Good Start Back to School backpack drive with a warm coat drive. Because CFK will not be running that program this year, those wishing to donate coats are urged to donate coats size 0-14 to Eastside Baby Corner and teen-sized coats to Teen Closet which is located at the Bellevue Foursquare Church on Richards Road. Warm adult size coats, blankets, hats, and gloves can go to Tent City IV which will be located at First United Methodist Church after October 31st.**THE SOPHIA WAY:** Sophia Way Executive Director Helen Leuzzi (425-417-7575 or director@sophiaway.org) reported that the program has published its first e-newsletter. You can download it at their website at www.sophiaway.org.

The shelter is full and the Sophia Way is working to find new ways to help transition Eastside single homeless women from the street into homes of their own. Your congregation can help in two new ways:

Holiday Cards: One of their clients is designing a beautiful card with the Sophia Way's theme "Give a Home for the Holidays!" By displaying these cards at you faith organization, congregation members will be able to make a donation in lieu of a gift for someone on their holiday list. The cards will be available at the next EISCC meeting, but knowing of your interest in advance would help them have enough available. Please contact Helen if you are interested or would like more information.**Stock Our Pantry:** The Sophia Way can provide interested congregations with a list of food staples and canned goods needed at the shelter. Congregation members would sign up for the items that they would like to donate and once collected, the Sophia Way would come to pick up the donations. If you think your congregation would be interested in helping, please contact either Helen or Jan Swanson at meals@sophiaway.org.Finally, December marks the **Sophia Way's one-year anniversary**. Please join them for "Give a Home for the Holidays," a celebration to both mark this milestone and to Please join us on **December 9, 5:30-7:30 pm**, to celebrate our one-year anniversary and to help give a home to homeless women this holiday season! The event will take place Wednesday, December 9th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the **Harbor Club Bellevue**, at the top of the Symetra Building at 777 108th Ave NE. The evening includes hors d'oeuvres and desserts, a no-host bar, a raffle, and holiday music! To reserve your tickets, click over to <http://www.sophiaway.org/home-for-the-holidays.asp>.**EISCC EXECUTIVE OFFICER ELECTION:** The nominations committee presented the following slate of candidates to serve on the EISCC Executive Committee in the coming year:

Co-Presidents: Lloyd Van Vactor, JoAnne Way
 Vice-President: Sally Wing
 Secretary: Brian Anderson
 Treasurer: Pat McDermott
 Member-at-Large: Sandy Lewis

Additional nominations were asked for and hearing none, the matter was put to a vote and the slate was approved.

PROGRAM: AGENCY PRESENTATIONS

The following EISCC member agencies made presentations with an emphasis on the work they do in our community and program needs as we approach the coming Holiday Season.

- **SALVATION ARMY EASTSIDE CORPS:**

Hot Meal Help: The Salvation Army serves a hot meal on Monday through Friday evenings at their Crossroads area location. Volunteers are needed to fill in on an on-call basis to help provide food and serve.

Drivers: Volunteer drivers are needed to pick up donated bread once a week in the late evening and once per week in the mid-afternoon in Bellevue. Drivers are also needed to help drive volunteer bell ringers to sites during this Kettle Season and to pick up and inventory toys and clothes for Christmas assistance.

Sorters/Packers/Distributors: Volunteers are needed to prepare Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts for distribution and to help with Christmas gift distribution at the toy warehouse.

Bell Ringers: Volunteer bell ringers raise money for programs and services that help those in need.

Administrative: Help is needed during the work week answering phones, scheduling appointments, processing intake paperwork, and filing.

Tutors: Volunteers are needed provide homework help during the Salvation Army's after school program.

Instructors: Instructors are being recruited to teach computer skills, budgeting basics, and job search tools.

On-Call Interpreters: On-call interpreters are needed Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and the languages of India.

Food Pantry Helpers: Volunteers are needed during the week to help organize, pack, and distribute food from the Salvation Army's Food Pantry.

If you or someone from your congregation is interested in helping out in any of these areas please contact Sierra Wagner at 425-452-7300 or sierra.wagner@usw.salvationarmy.org.

- **NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI):** NAMI Eastside sponsors free support groups and educational programs, and advocates for improvements to our mental health delivery system in terms of access to care, standards of care, continuity of care, recovery, housing and rehabilitation.

NAMI Eastside's primary need is for congregations to reach out to those in their midst who are suffering with mental illness. NAMI is looking to partner with faith communities to help them better support such congregation members. Faith communities are one of the first places that people turn to when they need help. NAMI can speak to your congregation about what they do and how you can be a safe and supportive place for people with mental illness. To find out more, please call NAMI Eastside at (425) 885-NAMI (6264) or contact info@nami-eastside.org.

Warm Line Volunteers: The King County Warm Line is a Consumer/Peer Run Organization whose mission is to provide support to individuals with psychiatric symptoms, their families and friends by promoting wellness, by listening, encouraging, providing alternative solutions, and fostering a sense of hope. Training is available for new Warm Line volunteers. If interested please call 206-439-2625.

Financial Contributions are also needed to help NAMI expand the number of Family and Consumer Support Groups they are able to run on the Eastside.

Hero House Gala: Hero House, a program that provides educational, vocational, and social opportunities to its members – adults recovering from mental illness – will present their 2009 Gala and Silent Auction on **Sunday, November 8, 2009** from 2:00 to 5:00pm at the North Bellevue Community Center located at 4063 148th Ave SE.

This year they are featuring renowned stage and screen actor Jon Cypher, of Hill Street Blues and Major Dad.

The Gala is intended to show appreciation and more importantly to raise money for the clubhouse. This year's fund raising is crucial as the economic crisis has caused Hero House to lose much of the funding upon which it has depended to carry out its mission. For more information about the Gala, please contact Hero House at 425-614-1282.

- **JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE:** Jewish Family Service of Seattle began in 1892 with the sole purpose of resettling Eastern European and Sephardic Jewish refugees. Today, JFS supports the adjustment and employment of refugees and immigrants from all religions and cultures world wide, including Southeast Asia, Eastern Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. Through their many social service programs such as financial assistance, ESL, citizenship classes, job placement and the Morris Polack Food Bank (which serves some 1500 people every month!), JFS helps new Americans become fully integrated members of our community.

Volunteer opportunities with JFS include working as an English-as-a-Second-Language tutor, a housing/donations assistant, community mentor, homework helper and tutor, and helping out in the food bank. For more information about how you can help, please visit the JFS website at www.jfsseattle.org or call them at 206-461-3240.

The JFS Chanukah Tzedakah Program aims to assist low income Jewish clients who otherwise would not receive a holiday gift from any source. Recipients are asked to choose specific gifts and JFS matches donor families with them. November 1st is the deadline for submitting requests and offers to donate. If you are interested, please call Carol Mullin at 206-861-3176.

JFS Annual Coat Drive: Cold weather is on the way and many refugee families have recently arrived in this country from warm climates and are in need of winter coats, rain jackets, and other winter necessities. Please look in your closets for extra coats, gloves, and mittens. Most needed are small-medium adult coats and rain jackets, and children's coats and rain jackets. Other winter necessities like umbrellas, hats, scarves, and mittens are also welcome. JFS can provide a designated donation box to be placed in a community space and schedule a time to pick up the donations. Contact Danielle Wallace, Community Resource Coordinator at 253-850-4065 or dwallace@jfsseattle.org.

- **HOPELINK:** Hopelink's mission is to ensure self-sufficiency for everyone. Hopelink's Food Banks provide tens of thousands of meals every month. They also offer support classes in subjects ranging from English as a Second Language to Job Preparation, as well as holding legal clinics and providing financial assistance. Hopelink provides the link that makes it possible for people to get back on their feet.

Hopelink's Bellevue Center is gearing up once again for their annual **Holiday Gift Room**. Donations of food and gifts can be delivered now through December 19th, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Food: In lieu of fresh meat and dairy products, Hopelink encourages donations of tuna or other canned meat, peanut butter, pasta or rice, cereal, soup, canned fruit and tomato products, vegetable oil, onions and potatoes, and grocery store certificates.

Gifts: Most needed gifts include clothing for ages 0 -18, gift certificates (e.g. Target, Fred Meyer, Old Navy, Borders, etc.), gifts for teens (e.g. portable CD players, jewelry, sports equipment, etc.). Please include only new, unwrapped toys, clothing, and other gifts in your donation.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please call 425-943-7555.

If you would like information about organizing a holiday giving tree, please contact Gerald Wright at 425-943-7558.

- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF EAST KING COUNTY:** Habitat for Humanity of East King County's purpose is to build homes and sell them at no profit to qualified families on the Eastside. They serve Bellevue, Redmond, Mercer Island, Kirkland, Issaquah, Snoqualmie, Woodinville, and other cities east of Seattle.

Habitat for Humanity of East King County is closing out a great year. They have recently completed work on their Redmond project and next year will complete their 50th home in Snoqualmie. A 10 home project is starting up in Issaquah and a new collaborative project with the South King County Habitat affiliate is about to begin in Renton.

There is much to do, but volunteers tend to go down in the winter despite the fact that there are plenty of construction opportunities inside. Learn more by calling 425-869-6007 or visiting <http://www.habitatekc.org/>.

Congregations are also encouraged to consider giving financially through gift fairs or special offerings.

- **THE EMERGENCY FEEDING PROGRAM OF SEATTLE & KING COUNTY** packs 14 different varieties of non-perishable, nutritionally-balanced emergency food bags and makes them available through a network of over 130 social service agencies, schools, food banks and faith communications located throughout King County. In a typical year, EFP distributes some 20,000 food bags to over 56,000 individuals and families who are in crisis and often have no other food available. But 2009 has been anything but typical. In the wake of historic increases in the cost of food and fuel and with an increasing sour economy, our community has seen more and more local families pushed to the edge financially. Far more of our neighbors are finding it difficult to keep food on the family table without reaching out for help. In the first half of 2009, EFP saw a 51 percent increase in the number of requests for food assistance compared to the same period last year and orders for food bags are expected to continue at historic levels for the foreseeable future.

As more and more of our neighbors face the daily prospect of going hungry, congregations are urged to join local hunger relief programs like the Emergency Feeding Program in ensuring that no one in our community is compelled to skip meals in order to pay for prescription medications, to put gas in the car so they can go to work, to buy school clothes and supplies for their children, or to meet any of the other myriad expenses they face.

You can partner with EFP this holiday season by holding a food drive (donations of jars of baby food, particularly those containing meat, poultry, or other high protein sources are particularly needed), by sending a volunteer group to their Seattle warehouse to help pack food bags, or by inviting someone from EFP to come speak to your congregation about the growing crisis of hunger in our community. For more information, please contact EFP Operations Director Brian Anderson at 206-329-0300 or brian@emergencyfeeding.org.

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NESES: Long-time EISCC member Joy Pocasangre updated members on the work of the nonprofit Ninos Estudiando El Salvador or Children Studying El Salvador the program run by Joy and her husband Richard that helps provide for the education and enrichment of children living in Salvadoran orphanages. More information is available at www.neses.org.

U.S. CENSUS 2010: Gwen Rousseau from the City of Bellevue's Planning and Community Development Department was on hand to share some important information about the upcoming U.S. Census:

Every year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to state, local and tribal governments based on census data. Faith-based organizations and institutions use census data to apply for grants and determine locations for new facilities. Census data guide funding decisions for important community facilities, such as schools, hospitals, childcare centers, and more. And census data affect your voice in Congress, as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts. By law, the U.S. Census Bureau cannot share an individual's personal information with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

Because the Census is vital to many of the programs and services we use everyday, faith communities are urged to help make sure that everyone is counted in the upcoming Census. Complete and return your 2010 Census form and encourage others – family, friends, and neighbors – to do the same.

BRIDGE DISABILITY MINISTRIES is in need of volunteers to help with upcoming Sunday Evening Celebrations, dinners, or the Holiday Party. If you are interested please contact volunteer coordinator Middy Goldade at 425-885-1006 ext. 108.

JUBILEE REACH CENTER: Jubilee REACH Center has recently opened their Heart & Home Value Center – it is located in the Overlake area at 2301 148th Ave NE which is just north of the Fred Meyer store. It is open Mon - Sat from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sunday 12 PM to 5 PM. They receive donations in the Evans Industrial Park area just off 130th Place NE which is between Northup Way and the Bell-Red Road. Donations of clothing, jewelry, home accessories, and furniture are needed as well as volunteer help.

CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting was closed with prayer by Nancy Parish of Bellevue Christian Church.

Brian Anderson, EISCC Secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
November 10, 2009

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 8, 2009, 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

PROGRAM: EASTSIDE SERVICES OF THE YWCA

LOCATION: BRISTOL HALL, ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 4228 FACTORIA BOULEVARD SE, BELLEVUE (ACROSS FROM NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL)

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order and conducted by EISCC Co-President JoAnne Way.

OPENING PRAYER: The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Helen Leuzzi of the Sophia Way and First Congregational Church of Bellevue.

SELF INTRODUCTIONS: Self introductions were made by 37 members and guests

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 13, 2009 meeting were approved as circulated.

TREASURER'S REPORT: EISCC Treasurer Pat McDermott (pmcdermott@amnis.com).

At 10/31/2009 cash balances total over \$159,000. Accounts receivable are over \$110,000, reflecting 3rd quarter billings. The majority of this total was paid during the first part of November. Operating results are as expected. Nothing unusual was noted during the month.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS: Steve Roberts, Executive Director, (206-295-7803 or steve@cfhomeless.org) reported that the program has 32 men in the shelter and 44 in housing. The goal is to have 50 men in housing by the end of the year. The tough part is making sure the additional men are ready to make that important step from the shelter into subsidized housing.

Congregations for the Homeless is still in need of more blankets as the weather grows colder. If you can help, please contact Steve.

THE SOPHIA WAY: Sophia Way Executive Director Helen Leuzzi (425-417-7575 or director@sophiaway.org) reported that the shelter has provided over 2,000 bed nights since the program began. The goal was to have 10 to 12 women living in the shelter by year's end. It looks like there will be 14 instead.

Helen reported that since the economy soured there has been a surge in the number of homeless women on the Eastside who are over 60 years old.

In order to serve all of those in need, the program will have to expand. The Sophia Way is looking for a larger space that will enable them to help more women.

Finally, December marks the **Sophia Way's one-year anniversary**. Please join them for "Give a Home for the Holidays," a celebration to both mark this milestone and to Please join us on **December 9, 5:30-7:30 pm**, to celebrate our one-year anniversary and to help give a home to homeless women this holiday season! The event will take place Wednesday, December 9th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the **Harbor Club Bellevue**, at the top of the Symetra Building at 777 108th Ave NE. The evening includes hors d'oeuvres and desserts, a no-host bar, a raffle, and holiday music! To reserve your tickets, click over to <http://www.sophiaway.org/home-for-the-holidays.asp>.

CONGREGATIONS FOR KIDS: JoAnne Way of CFK reported that this year's Good Start Back to School Drive served over 1600 students at a cost of more than \$44,000.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: EISCC Legislative Coordinator Nancy Bent (nancybent@comcast.net) handed out information about Health Care Reform legislation currently making its way through the U.S. Congress. Nancy cited NYTime.com and Slate.com as valuable sources of information on this effort.

If you have an opinion about national health care reform, you can contact your legislator. They would like to hear from you.

PROGRAM: AGENCY PRESENTATIONS

The following EISCC member agencies made presentations with an emphasis on the work they do in our community and program needs as we approach the coming Holiday Season.

- **SOUND MENTAL HEALTH :** Sound Mental Health has several locations throughout King County offering a variety of services. Their Community Support Services program works with clients and their families to meet the challenges of living with a serious mental illness providing recovery-oriented support for:
 - Individuals and their families
 - Children's Community Support
 - Adult Community Support
 - Emerald House Clubhouse
 - Co-occurring disorders
 - Employment Services
 - Supportive Housing

More information about Sound Mental Health including how you or your congregation can help is available at www.smh.org.

- **KINDERING CENTER:** (www.kinder.org or 425-747-4004) Kindering Center is a not-for-profit neurodevelopmental center that has been providing comprehensive services for children with special needs and their families since 1962. Each year nearly 3,000 infants and children receive crucial therapies, special education, and counseling.

One in five children has special needs—needs most often caused by complex disability or medical condition, but which can sometimes be the unfortunate result of abuse or neglect.

How you can help: Kindering Center's services rely on the support of the community.

Wish List:

- Gym Mats
- CDs
- Camcorder
- CD Player
- Touch & Feel Textured Books
- Play-Doh
- Medium & Large Stickers
- Sensory Balls

- o Musical Toys that light up, start & stop
- o Car or Block Toys
- o Farm and Farm Animal Sets
- o Picture Books
- o Bean Bags
- o Spill Proof Containers
- o Bubble Liquid
- o Board Books
- o Puzzle (for age 2 or under)
- o Fisher Price "Little People"

Volunteer Opportunities:

Administrative Support: Volunteers are needed to support various departments in the following areas: mailings, data entry, filing, photocopying, classroom art projects, library maintenance, reception desk, etc.

Classroom Assistant: Volunteers are needed to assist teachers in classrooms with activities and support services. Position only available during the school year (September-July). Times and days vary, Monday – Friday, 2 hour sessions.

Committee: Volunteers who have a particular skill or expertise are encouraged to provide support in the following committees: Marketing, PR, Technology, Development, Finance, and Programs.

For more information on volunteer opportunities, contact Kindering Center's volunteer coordinator at 425-653-4294 or jennifer.schumacher@kindering.org.

- **EASTSIDE BABY CORNER:** Eastside Baby Corner makes a positive difference in the lives of children and families in need by collecting and purchasing children's items and distributing them, free of charge, through local service care providers.

Eastside Baby Corner has seen a tremendous increase in requests for clothing, diapers, and formula and needs your help to continue to meet the needs of struggling Eastside families.

- **General Volunteer Opportunities:**

Great volunteer opportunities await you at EBC. We currently have the following openings.
Sort incoming donations (sign up for available events below)
Fulfill orders for children (sign up for available events below)

- **Volunteer Guidelines:**

Volunteers under age 14 must be accompanied by an adult who will work with them for the entire shift
Children under age 7 may not volunteer at EBC for safety reasons
If you would like to schedule a volunteer group, please contact Kim Foster at kimfoster@ihmail.com

- **Additional Help Wanted!**

We have openings for the following specific volunteer roles. Please contact Kim Foster at kimfoster@ihmail.com if you are interested.
Saturday Supervisors (training provided)
Recall Researcher (work at home; easy job)
Toy Assistant
Formula Assistant
Facilities Manager

- **Donations Needed:**

Every day, more children are without food, diapers, and clothes as families in our communities are squeezed by job loss, the housing crisis, and shrinking state budgets. Your gifts are used wisely and efficiently to help children be safe and healthy and to thrive as families rebuild their lives. Go to <http://www.babycorner.org/> for a complete list of needed items.

Donations are accepted during the following times only:
Monday evenings (7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)
Thursday mornings (9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)

More information about the program and how you can help is available at www.babycorner.org.

- **CRISIS CLINIC:** Crisis Clinic is a non-profit organization that offers an array of support services available to everyone in King County, Washington. Their telephone services provide immediate, confidential assistance for people in emotional distress and in need of help.

Crisis Clinic is deemed by King County as one of the key agencies to contact in times of disaster and to assist in defusing major crises. It also serves as a key entry point into the County mental health system. All phone workers have immediate access to a computerized database of more than 5,200 health and human service providers in the region. Crisis Clinic helps callers navigate the complex and confusing world of the social service system, and provide advocacy and follow-up for callers who have difficulty accessing services on their own.

Crisis Clinic volunteers staff two help lines:

24-hour Crisis Line: 866-4CRISIS (866-427-4747) or 206-461-3222

Tangible Needs: 211

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **24-Hour Crisis Line**

Crisis Line volunteer phone workers must be at least 21 years of age, agree to serve a 4½-hour shift per week for at least one year, and be available for one on-call shift per month, and one holiday shift per calendar year. Training is scheduled five times per year and volunteers are needed year round. All training and phone shifts are located at our Seattle office.

Volunteer phone workers complete more than 55 hours of intensive training in subjects that include effective communication, diversity, grief and loss, violence and abuse, suicide, substance abuse, and understanding the mental health system. They learn effective listening and communication skills, and master crisis intervention techniques.

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To request more information about being a 24-Hour Crisis Line volunteer, call 206-461-3210 extension 697 or e-mail volunteerservices@crisisclinic.org.

- **Teen Link**

New youth volunteers begin as Outreach Workers and must be between 13 and 20 years of age. They raise awareness of Teen Link in their school and

in community or they join our Youth Suicide Speakers Bureau to help educate their peers about youth suicide.

Teens interested in working on the Teen Link help line must complete an additional training in crisis intervention similar to the training received by volunteers on the 24-Hour Crisis Line, but it is specially focused on working with youth. Help line volunteers must be between 15 and 20 years of age. All training and shifts are located at our Seattle office.

Adult volunteers are needed to supervise the help line volunteers on their shifts or can join our Youth Suicide Speakers Bureau. A personal interview determines suitability.

- **BRIDGE DISABILITIES MINISTRIES:** Bridge Disability Ministries is a non-profit ecumenical, Christian-based organization located in Bellevue, Washington, serving persons in the Puget Sound area of Washington State. Because Bridge Disability Ministries honors the God-given dignity and giftedness of persons with disabilities, they "build relationships to alleviate isolation and enrich our churches and communities."

In their service to persons with physical and/or developmental disabilities, Bridge Ministries seeks to build a bridge between people with disabilities and churches, social and government agencies, and society at large. They serve persons by:

- o Providing spiritual care and support
- o Helping persons develop their own support communities
- o Acting as legal guardians for individuals who have developmental disabilities with little or no family contact and little or no funds
- o Providing recycled, refurbished mobility equipment to persons in need
- o Serving churches and community groups in their efforts to involve and build relationships with persons with disabilities
- o Hosting educational and community events to promote awareness and support for persons with disabilities, their families and care givers.
- o And much more

Needs:

Christmas Parties: Bridge holds family parties for those they are guardians for, one in the South End of Seattle and one in the North End. They give gifts that are tailored to the individual, their likes and their needs. They gather caregivers, job coaches, program managers, staff, and friends to celebrate Christmas together. **They need cookies for this!** They could use a few volunteers, too, as well as someone to play Christmas Carols at these parties.

Bridge also throws a huge Christmas party for the Greater Seattle Area disability community. This year it will be held at St. John Vianney Church in Kirkland on December 5th from noon until 2:30 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact middyq@bridgemin.org.

Bridge is also asking:

- For churches to be truly open and inviting to folks with disabilities of all kinds.
- For people to be in relationship with folks with disabilities.
- For financial gifts to continue to sustain and grow these activities and their ministry.

For more information, please visit www.bridgemin.org or call them at 425-885-1006.

- **ACRES OF DIAMONDS:** Acres of Diamonds is a transitional Christian home established to serve single homeless women and their children by providing them with structure and nurture as they work to become productive members of their community. Located in Duvall, Washington, Acres of Diamonds (Acres) seeks to positively impact the quality of life for the women who are "diamonds in our own backyard."

Holiday Wish List

Acres of Diamonds has 13 women residents, many with children. If you'd like, you can contact Acres of Diamonds for individual children's wishes.

Ideas to help the women and their budgets include:

- o Women's items such as hair products, deodorant, razors, body wash, bubble bath, socks, lotion, nail polish, hair color, etc.
- o Household consumables such as TP, cleaning products, trash bags, dish soap, detergent, light bulbs, napkins, etc.
- o Meat or produce (fresh or frozen) for 18 people
- o Spices and baking ingredients
- o Bibles (contemporary versions)
- o Gift Certificates: Target, Safeway, etc.
- o Devotions for Women or Families

For the Household:

- o Stereo
- o Praise CDs
- o Coffee Maker
- o Plastic Styrofoam Bowls
- o Playroom Shelving for Toys
- o Toddler Learning Toys
- o Adopt a Room with Bed Linens, etc.
- o Bicycle Rack

Please arrange for delivery with Renee or Jackie at 425-788-9999.

And for more information about Acres of Diamonds please contact them at 425-788-9999 or at www.acresofdiamonds.org

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INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE: All are welcome to worship Wed, Nov 25, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple B'Nai Torah for the annual Thanksgiving Eve service with the congregations of the Lake Hills Inter-faith Covenant.

YWCA EASTSIDE ANGELINE WOMEN'S CENTER: The holidays are approaching, and the women in the YWCA Eastside Angeline Women's Center and Sophia Way want to celebrate! You can help them by donating items for their Christmas stockings. We need 20 each of the following: socks, gloves, hats, scarves, gift cards for phones and groceries, lotion, stamps, movie tickets, manicure sets. If your congregation can provide any of these items please contact JoAnne Way at waytandj@comcast.net. Happy holidays!

LAKE HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – The Family Connections Center at Bellevue's Lake Hills Elementary School is in need of warm coats for needy families. If you or your congregation can help, please contact Carmen Casillas, Human Services Coordinator at (425)456-5331 or casillas@bsd405.org.

CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting was closed with prayer by Sandy Lewis of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Bellevue.

Brian Anderson, EISCC Secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MINUTES
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
December 8, 2009

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 2009, 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

PROGRAM: EISCC Eastside Emergency Services report. Gerald Wright, Hopelink and 2010 Legislative Issues. Nancy Amidei, University of Washington.

LOCATION: BRISTOL HALL, ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 4228 FACTORIA BOULEVARD SE, BELLEVUE (ACROSS FROM NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL)

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order and conducted by EISCC Co-President JoAnne Way.

OPENING PRAYER: The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Karen Mae Smith of St. Madeline Sophie Catholic Church in Bellevue.

In particular this month we pray for EISCC Co-president Lloyd Van Vactor who is recovering from surgery.

SELF INTRODUCTIONS: Self introductions were made by 22 members and guests

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 10, 2009 meeting were approved as circulated.

TREASURER'S REPORT: EISCC Treasurer Pat McDermott (pmcdermott@amnis.com).

At 11/30/2009 cash balances total over \$209,000. Operating results are as expected. Nothing unusual was noted during the month.

CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS: Steve Roberts, Executive Director, (206-295-7803 or steve@cfhomeless.org) reported that the program has 30 men in the shelter and 43 in housing. All are receiving Christmas presents donated from congregations.

The shelter has been busy with the holiday coming and the dental van, the King County Library tech van, and stylists from Bellevue's 7 Salon all visiting.

In addition, CFH is operating the Bellevue Severe Weather Shelter.

Congregations for the Homeless is still in need of more blankets now that the weather is colder, but they have received enough hats and scarves for their needs. If you can help with blankets, please contact Steve.

THE SOPHIA WAY: Sophia Way Executive Director Helen Leuzzi (425-417-7575 or director@sophiaway.org) reported that December 9th marks the Sophia Way's one year anniversary. The shelter is full and they have 15 women in housing.

Their hard work and success has resulted in several mentions of the program in the local media. The Seattle Times has profiled them (view it at http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/localnews/2010502093_bellevuehomeless14m.html), and the Bellevue Reporter featured them as well (http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/east_king/bel/community/78787922.html). Finally, the program was featured on KOMO 4 News (<http://www.komonews.com/opinion/kenschram/79230702.html#idc-container>).

Even more information (including a video) is available on their website at www.sophiaway.org.

CONGREGATIONS FOR KIDS: Nancy Jacobs (425-883-6406 or bnjacobs@verizon.net) reported that thank you letters to donors to this year's Good Start Back to School drive have gone out and that a local high school provided the program with 50 computer memory sticks that will be distributed to needy students in the Bellevue School District.

PROGRAM: EASTSIDE SERVICES OF THE YWCA

Cheri Kilty (425-556-147 or ckilty@ywcaworks.org) reported on the wide range of services that the YWCA provides on the Eastside.

Supportive Housing:

- o The YWCA provides one-on-one support and goal setting for residents of YWCA Family Village at Redmond and at housing units in Issaquah and Bellevue.
- o They also provide referrals to community partners and resources as well as assistance transitioning to affordable permanent housing.
- o The YWCA Family Village at Redmond provides 20 units of transitional housing, and a day care center and Headstart program.
- o Family Village serves families of all configurations – single parent, two-parent, and grandparent led families. Lately they have been seeing more families that have never had trouble maintaining housing before, but because of job loss are now forced to seek shelter.

Affordable Permanent Housing:

YWCA Townhouses:

In addition to the supportive transitional housing, the YWCA operates two permanent housing properties: the Summerfield Apartments in East Bellevue and a family townhome project. In addition, ground has been broken for a new YWCA Family Village in Issaquah which will provide 143 units of affordable housing for working families, people with disabilities, and seniors.

Employment:

The YWCA operates **Eastside Employment Services** which:

- o Assists homeless and low-income job seekers to secure livable wages
- o Provides individual coaching for resume building, job searching, and interviewing
- o Holds workshops and provides vocational/technical training referrals
- o Has a resource room with current job postings, reference materials, Internet and telephone access

In addition **Working Wardrobe** provides free work and interview-appropriate clothing for low-income women.

Child Care:

The **Family Village Child Care Center** provides a safe and nurturing setting for children (up to 5 years old) living at Family Village and from other low-income Eastside families. The Family Village Child Care Center addresses the special needs of children who have experienced homelessness, domestic violence, abuse, and health problems.

Drop-in Day Center:

Angeline's Eastside Women's Center (located at the Bellevue First Congregational Church in downtown Bellevue) is a daycenter for single, very-low income and homeless women. Free services include daily hot meals and snacks; showers, restrooms, and laundry facilities, phone, computer and Internet access; on-site employment assistance and referrals to community resources.

Community Mental Health Counseling:

The YWCA East King County is now offering licensed mental health counseling for adult men and women. Medical coupons are accepted. Please call 425-922-6192 for information and appointments.

Get Involved:

Donate:

- o Make a cash or in-kind donation. For example, the Angeline's Eastside Women's Center is in need of travel-sized toiletries, razors, bathrobes, laundry soap, warm clothes, and books for their lending library.
- o Make an in-kind donation of gently used clothing.
- o Donate a vehicle.
- o Make a bequest.

Volunteer:

- o Make a difference in the lives of women and children:
- o Sort donations or coordinate craft projects.
- o Participate on committees
- o Provide office help
- o To volunteer or for more information, please contact 425-556-1354 or log on to ywcaworks.org/volunteer.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: EISCC Legislative Coordinator Nancy Bent (nancybent@comcast.net) provided information about the new United States Department of Agriculture study on food security in the U.S. which included the following excerpts from an article in Slate magazine by Sandy Stonesifer:

With Thanksgiving right behind us, the last thing most of us are thinking about is hunger. In fact, when we do, many of us think of hunger as something suffered only by citizens of "poor" countries. But while actual starvation is rare in the United States, the recent [USDA study](#) on food security you're referring to highlights the fact that hunger is not just a faraway problem.

The survey found that 14.6 percent of American households—49 million people—were [food-insecure](#) at some point during 2008, the highest number since the survey was first conducted in 1995. In what I find to be an even more staggering view of food insecurity in the United States, a [study](#) published in early November showed that 49 percent of all Americans receive some form of food aid by the time they turn 20. And according to the latest participation-rate data, only about [67 percent](#) of eligible Americans actually take part in the food-stamp program.

With these high numbers, you won't be surprised that there is an increasing number of people seeking supplemental food from food banks and soup kitchens. Unfortunately, the rise in clientele coincides with a drop in corporate donations as struggling companies keep a closer eye on their inventory. Vicki Escarra of [Feeding America](#), the largest hunger-relief charity and network of food banks in the United States, [said](#) that while demand is up 25 percent to 40 percent, donations have risen only 18 percent. So the first thing you can do to help is to donate food, time, or money to your local food bank. Feeding America's food-bank locator can help you find your local provider. Multiply your efforts by organizing a holiday-themed food drive or replacing some of your family gift-giving with monetary donations to a local food bank.

There are three vital hunger-related bills you should know about right now. The first is the [Good Samaritan Hunger Relief Tax Incentive Extension Act of 2009](#). This would extend, and make permanent, a tax incentive for farmers to donate excess food inventory to charity. The second is the [School Food Recovery Act](#), which will allow schools to donate excess food to food banks. The third, and most important, is a [bill to amend the National School Lunch Act](#), which serves more than 30 million children nationwide. A reauthorization of the school lunch act is required every five years and is scheduled to be voted on in early 2010. Sens. Michael Bennet, Sherrod Brown, and Bob Casey are co-sponsoring an act they would like incorporated into the renewal—

the [Hunger Free Schools Act](#), which claims to eliminate bureaucratic hurdles in the school lunch program and [serve an additional 3 million children](#) in need.

President Obama made a pledge to end childhood hunger by 2015. In order to do this, the administration and Congress must ensure funding and support for food banks and nutrition programs. Understanding and advocating for the importance of hunger prevention and relief programs is one of the most important things you can do to make sure this happens. It may sound trite, but contact your representatives and let them know your concerns about hunger on a local and national level. Follow upcoming legislation and find more ways to advocate for change at Feeding America's online [Hunger Action Center](#).

The full article is available at <http://www.slate.com/id/2237129/>

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EASTSIDE HUMAN SERVICES FORUM: Advocacy has made a difference in saving some human services this year, especially for victims of domestic violence. We have staved off some cuts. However, there are some real strains. There are 35,000 people on the waiting list for basic health insurance and although they are adding to the list, no one is being processed. The premiums are being doubled.

The budget for 2010 is "ugly" and the budget for 2011 is described as "unimaginable." General Assistance – Unemployable will disappear. Most of the three million dollars being cut from the King County human services budget will come from programs that assist the elderly, or youth, or that provide referral services. A smaller portion will come from the domestic violence services. The county views all children under 18 as the responsibility of the state. Nationwide, homelessness in general is up by 10%, but runaways have increased by 40%. An example of the local impact: Friends of Youth has 2 shelters for runaway youth. They and the 7 other shelters in the county will lose funding. Friends of Youth is planning to consolidate their 2 shelters, serve fewer youth and cut counseling frequency by half.

This might be a good time for faith communities to consider what additional help they might extend to seniors and children. There are many possibilities for working together to provide needed assistance.

More information is available at <http://www.eastsideforum.org/>.

SHARE THE DREAM – The annual Share the Dream Concert, a musical celebration of the life and enduring legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will take place **Sunday January 17, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at Mount Zion Baptist Church** (1634 19th Ave in Seattle). The program features soul-stirring performances by the Total Experience Gospel and Black Nativity Choirs, Mount Zion's Inspirational Chorus, and Tacoma's Allen AME Church Choir. Although there is no charge for admission, a freewill offering will be accepted to benefit the Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle & King County.

More information is available at www.emergencyfeeding.org or call Brian at 206-329-0300.

BELLEVUE GOODWILL OFFERS COMPUTER CLASSES - Seattle Goodwill Industries Job Training and Education Program's mission is to provide "quality, effective employment training and basic education to individuals experiencing significant barriers to economic opportunity." Job Training and Education locations from Bellingham to Burien offer various classes designed to meet the needs of their individual communities. The Bellevue location, which opened in November of 2008 at the corner of 148th Avenue NE and NE 20th Street, offers Computer and English as a Second Language classes.

Current Computer Skills classes include Computer Fundamentals, Microsoft Outlook, Microsoft Word, and Microsoft Excel. Current English classes include Levels 1-4, and a weekly Talk Time. Classes are held twice a week for 1.5 hours per class in 8 week session. Both day and evening classes are available. Five 8-week sessions are offered each year in January, March, May, August, and October. Registration for classes generally takes place 2-3 weeks prior to each session, with on-going English class enrollment throughout each session.

In addition to classes, one-on-one help and workshops are offered in resume and cover letter creation. A bi-weekly Job Lab offers students and community members an opportunity to receive support in online job searching and application completion. All of the JTE Program offerings are focused on helping individuals increase their Computer and English skills to become more job-ready. All classes and services are free, but participants must register before they attend. Contact Bellevue Goodwill Job Training & Education Center, 14515 NE 20th St, Bellevue, WA 98007, (425) 289-0040 or 1(877) GIVE4GOOD or www.seattlegoodwill.org.

CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting was closed with prayer by Betty Spohn of Newport Presbyterian Church.

Brian Anderson, EISCC Secretary