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Social Concerns Council  
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Betty Spohn  
(425) 451-3651).



TENTATIVE  
EISCC FALL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**October 13, 1998.** (12:00 - 2:00 p.m.) Agency presentations/ displays about holiday season/winter needs. Finger food luncheon provided by the Executive Committee (no reservations needed). Election of officers.

**November 10, 1998.** All congregations are encouraged to present a report of a specific program, such as outreach/social action or intergenerational. Please choose one of these options for a five-minute report and a one page written handout:

- Intergenerational programs. Focus on developmental assets in youth.
- Impact of welfare reform on your congregational programs.
- Outreach to ethnic communities.
- Special outreach program of your congregation.
- Innovative outreach/social action program of your congregation, new or in collaboration with other congregations.

**December 8, 1998.** Focus on schools.



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EISCC MEMBERSHIP:  
IS YOUR CONGREGATION  
OR AGENCY

REPRESENTED AT EISCC MEETINGS?  
Betty Spohn (425) 451-3651

We invite Eastside congregations and agencies to visit regular meetings, the second Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon in the Chapel Lounge (Room 315, former sanctuary, entered through the upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), Bellevue First Presbyterian Church. Each congregation is entitled to both clergy and lay delegates. Clergy, youth representatives persons who work with youth or social ministry programs, and other lay persons are especially invited.

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Beverages are available at monthly meetings, and you are welcome to bring a sack or fast food lunch. Parking is free, either in the upper lot near the meeting room, off 100th Ave. NE, or in the lower parking lot, off Bellevue Way.

For information on membership, call Betty Spohn, Membership Chair (425) 451-3651.







### CHARITABLE SOLICITATION WARNING

To avoid scams from charitable solicitors, note these guidelines: Don't send money to a group you don't know. Take your time; don't make an immediate decision. Demand written information before donating, including names of officials, and amounts actually given to charitable cause. Avoid events that benefit fundraisers rather than charities. Contribute directly to causes you know about and believe in. Report suspicious solicitations to the Attorney General (206-464-6684).



### HEALING SERVICE FOR PERSONS AFFECTED BY AIDS

Sacred Heart Catholic Church AIDS Outreach invites persons affected by AIDS to a healing service at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month, at the church, 9640 NE 14th Street, Bellevue. Information: (425) 454-9536.



### EISCC 1998-1999 OFFICERS

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### FINANCE TASK FORCE: STEWARD OF FUNDS

Chair: Jim Palmer, Treasurer  
(425) 747-2977

Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council budget includes both a general fund (operating expenses) and a separate fund for each task force, specifically donated to accomplish its purposes. Both grants and donations are essential to maintain Congregations for the Homeless, which has the largest budget, based on high expenses.

Volunteers are needed to assist the treasurer in preparing the budget and seeking additional sources of funds. Development experience is not necessary; the Task Force will provide training.



### "THE SCHOOL ZONE"

A regular presentation on Channel 55 by the Bellevue School District provides information about curriculum, student activities, etc. on Tuesdays, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., and Fridays, 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. A current program guide is available by calling 425-456-4000.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Without you, EISCC could not accomplish its tasks. You, your time, your energy, and your money all help to maintain Congregations for the Homeless, Project Home-Made Soups, the employment task force, legislation task force, collaborative leadership, and other programs. Contact the EISCC address or task force chairs.



### CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS



Information: Nadine Shannon (425) 746-6019

Regular meeting: 3rd Tuesday, 12 noon - 1:30 p.m., Temple DeHirsch Sinai, 556 - 124th Avenue NE, Bellevue.

The program is beginning its sixth year of providing safe secure shelter, three meals daily, and employment assistance for homeless men on the Eastside. to return them to being members of the community. In 1998, Advance Bellevue honored the program with an award for "Best Community Partnership."



Host congregations, who provide facilities for a month, are assisted by support congregations and other volunteers with financial and volunteer support. We contract with Catholic Community Services to manage the program. The cities of Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, and Redmond have provided grants for our services. Volunteer services enable 99% of income to be used for direct services. Volunteers are currently needed for grant writing.

You may send support directly to Congregations for the Homeless, P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662. When making contributions to United Way for this program, please write in "EISCC Congregations for the Homeless."

Homeless men may be referred to these Eastside agencies for screening:

Catholic Community Services (425) 643-1937  
Eastside Mental Health (425) 869-0744  
Jewish Family Services (206) 461-3240  
Salvation Army (425) 827-1930  
Multi-Service Centers  
of North & East King County  
Bellevue (425) 747-4826  
Northshore (206) 382-9704/485-6521  
Carnation (425) 333-4163  
Kirkland (425) 889-7880  
Redmond (425) 882-0241

### ST. ANDREW'S HOT MEAL PROGRAM



Meals are provided each Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 2650 - 148th Avenue SE, Bellevue. (425) 746-2529. Persons in the south Bellevue area who are homeless or "working poor" are especially welcomed. No referral is necessary, and wheelchair access is available.

Volunteer groups from churches, private schools, clubs, and neighborhoods provide and serve meals.

### EMPLOYMENT TASK FORCE

Chair: Bud and Betsy Mathieu (425-451-9673)

Regular meeting: Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Latter Day Saints church, 14536 Main Street (just west of 148th Avenue SE), Bellevue.



A free job club is available at the Renton LDS employment office the first Thursday of each month, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Information about the job market is available at (206) 682-3363.

Persons seeking a job or employment upgrade are welcome at the weekly employment program, where job listings are available. They will receive assistance in planning a job search, interviewing and resume' writing.



Congregational representatives are encouraged to sponsor local candidates and to provide information to their congregations.



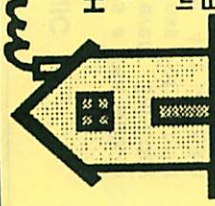
## CHRISTMAS IN APRIL

Christmas in April, in partnership with the community, provides rehabilitation for homes of low-income homeowners, particularly those who are elderly and disabled.

Volunteer labor and donated materials are used to provide comprehensive home repair services on the last Saturday in April, to enable Eastside recipients to maintain their own homes. The program, which began in 1988, has rehabilitated 31,300 homes nationally.



For Information write: Christmas in April • Eastside, P.O. Box 124, Medina, WA 98039-0124. (425) 455-0179. You can participate by identifying homeowners, donating building materials, or as a congregation sponsoring a house and a team of 20 - 35 volunteers.



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF EAST KING COUNTY

In 1999 Habitat for Humanity of East King County will begin construction of Patterson Park in Redmond. Coalitions are now being formed to build these housing units. If your congregation is interested, Call JeanAnn French at 869-6007.



## EVENING MEETINGS?

Are you interested in an occasional evening meeting? Please let us know on the response form in this newsletter, or by calling the membership chair, Betty Spohn (425) 451-3651.

## INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation/Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation member: \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Agency member: \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter only: \$5 \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in occasional evening meetings \_\_\_\_\_

What evenings? \_\_\_\_\_

What programs? \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer for: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send information about \_\_\_\_\_





### WALK-IN CLINIC

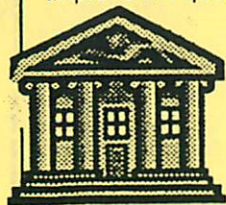
RotaCare Clinic is a free walk-in clinic provided every Saturday morning at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 411 - 156th Avenue NE, Bellevue. (425) 746-7300. The clinic, sponsored by Eastside Rotarians and volunteer health care workers, works with social service agencies to provide follow up care and care for chronic illness.

### EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

We, Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council, believe that we are guided by the moving of God's spirit in our community to work together in a spirit of caring and celebration. We honor and respect each others' religious heritages, welcome and pray for each other, and share information about pressing community needs.



We provide a forum to educate, advocate, initiate, coordinate, support, and, through task forces and other means, work for the common good of the Eastside community to address human needs and improve the quality of life.



### LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE

Chair: Joy Pocasangre,  
(425) 747-0877

Purpose of the Task Force is education and advocacy for faith communities on federal, state, and local issues. Activities include annual participation in Church Advocacy Day in Olympia and liaison with Washington Association of Churches and other advocacy groups.



### HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP

Representative: Pam Toelle, (425) 746-8659  
Congregations for Kids Committee: Rev. Ann Lukens (425) 454-9541, and Sherri Mill, Cochairpersons; Pam Toelle, liaison.

The Task Force encourages partnership among the religious community, City of Bellevue, Bellevue Public Schools, and human service providers, working together to provide services to Bellevue schoolchildren and their families.

Quarterly meetings are held on the first Wednesday from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Bellevue Public Schools Board Room.



### MULTIFAITH AIDS PROJECT OF SEATTLE (MAPS)

A regular newsletter, informative programs, resource listings, and opportunities to help others are provided by MAPS, 1729 Harvard Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122. (206) 324-1520.

### "VOICES OF DIVERSITY" RADIO PROGRAM

A talk radio show featuring city of Bellevue programs on diversity and other issues is presented on KKMO-AM (1360), 9:00 - 10:00 p.m. on Mondays. Information: Kevin Henry, Diversity Coordinator, City of Bellevue Parks Department, P.O. Box 90012, Bellevue, WA 98009. (425) 637-7886. Fax: (425) 688-2814.





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