

## Odyssey Channel: *Faith and Values-based Television Programs*



AT & T Cable Services broadcasts programs for the Odyssey Channel on channel 21, Monday – Friday, 4:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Programs emphasize spiritual values and include worship services, concerts, dramas, and religious news events. There are no requests for money and no proselytizing. Sponsors include a consortium of nearly 70 Protestant, Jewish, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Evangelical, and Pentecostal faith groups.

Information is available from Odyssey, 74 Trinity Place, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10006-2003. Request additional service from AT & T Cable Services, P.O. Box 5187, Everett, WA 98206. 1-877-824-2288.

### MEMORIAL FUND FOR YOUTH

The East Shore Unitarian Church has established a memorial fund, "The Gwen Lewis Memorial Fund for Youth," to provide financial aid for education or preparation for employment.

*Information & applications:* Outreach and Social Justice Council, East Shore Unitarian Church, 12700 SE 32nd St., Bellevue, WA 98005. E-mail: [blewis@seanet.com](mailto:blewis@seanet.com).

### Is Your Zip Code Correct?

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Betty Spohn (425) 451-3651.

### Thank You

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## Kids At The Crossroads

In collaboration with the Bellevue Schools and the Bellevue Boys and Girls Club, Kids at the Crossroads offers an after-school program of academic assistance, sports, and crafts. Volunteers from nearby congregations assist at Lake Hills, Phantom Lake, and Sherwood

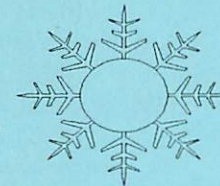


Forest elementary schools.  
*Information:* Patti Curry, Director of Bellevue Boys and Girls Club and volunteer coordinator for Kids at the Crossroads, (425) 401-8662.

## Christmas In April \* Eastside

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.

You can participate by identifying homeowners, donating building



materials, or as a congregation sponsoring a house and a team of 20 to 35 volunteers.

### PUGET SOUND BLOOD CENTER

This regional resource is supported by volunteer blood donors and volunteer workers, who assist in coordination, registration, and monitoring. *Information:* Steve Kasner, (425) 463-4384; Fax: (425) 462-4026 E-mail [steveka@psbc.org](mailto:steveka@psbc.org)

### Tentative EISCC Program Schedule

December 14, 1999 – East King County Child Care Consortium.

January 11, 2000 – Legislative Issues.

February 8, 2000 – Performance Spectrum, Inc., relationship skills training for high school youth.



# Welcome To Eastside Interfaith

Is Your Congregation or Agency Represented?

Welcome, visitor and members, to Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council (EISCC). The Council provides a forum for exchange of information among Eastside congregations, and encourages interfaith dialogue. Eastside congregations and agencies are invited to attend regular meetings.

Membership is voluntary, open to Eastside congregations of all faiths. There are currently 45 member congregations and social agencies. Member congregations contribute \$25.00 annually to EISCC and select two voting delegates (clergy and/or lay). Clergy, youth representatives, persons who work with youth or social ministry programs, and other lay persons are especially invited.

Associate members are social and health service programs whose purposes and activities are consistent with the purposes of EISCC. Each pays a fee of \$10.00 annually, and has voice but does not vote.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month (except August), 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m. (bring your sack lunch; beverages are provided), in the Chapel Lounge (Room 315, former sanctuary, entered through the upper parking lot on NE 17th Street, off 100th Ave. NE), of the First Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue. No reservations are necessary. Parking is free, either in the upper lot near the meeting room, off 100th Avenue NE; or in the lower parking lot, off Bellevue Way.

At each meeting, community representatives present information about resources and programs; and congregations, agencies, and task forces share information and ideas. The Council publishes an Emergency Services Directory, which is distributed to congregations and agencies. Volunteers help to maintain Congregations

for the Homeless, the employment task force, legislation task force, and other programs.

*Information:* Betty Spohn, Membership Chair (425) 451-3651.

## 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.

## EISCC 1999-2000 Officers

**John Waltner, Co-Chairperson**  
(425) 424-3725

**Terry Kimber, Co-Chairperson**  
(425) 644-1729

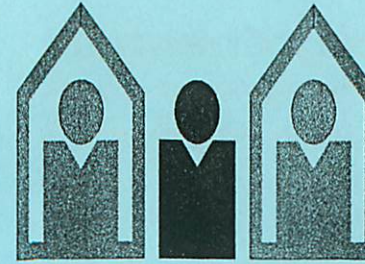
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(425) 747-3031

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(425) 747-2977

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(425) 637-0822

**Dorothy Scott, Delegate-at-Large**  
(425) 453-1425



# Congregations For The Homeless

**Chair: Nadine Shannon (425) 746-6019**

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

The program is in its seventh year of providing safe secure shelter, three meals daily, and employment assistance for homeless men on the Eastside, in order to return them to being members of the community. Host congregations, who provide facilities for a month, are assisted by 61 support congregations and other volun-

## EMPLOYMENT TASK FORCE

**Chair: Charles & Betsy Ann Mathieu (425) 451-9673**

Information about the job market and assistance in planning a job search, interviewing and resume writing are available at the Renton Latter Day Saints employment office (206) 682-3363, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call for appointments during those hours or at times to be arranged. Services are available to all persons regardless of church affiliation. Services are also available in Everett.

## EISCC UPDATE FALL/WINTER, 1999

Publication is three or four times yearly. Please give us information about coming events in your congregation, task force, or organization that are open to others in the community. Letters to the editor are also welcome. Send your items to the EISCC address or to the Editor, Sally Wing, P.O. Box 5556, Bellevue, WA 98006-0056. (425) 747-5924. Fax: (425) 746-0462

teers with financial and volunteer support. We contract with Catholic Community Services to manage the program and provide social services. The cities of Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, and Redmond, and United Way have provided grants for our services. Volunteer services enable 99% of the income to be used for direct services.

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

Mentor Health Northwest  
(Eastside Mental Health)

(425) 669-0744

Jewish Family Services  
(425) 461-3240

Salvation Army  
(425) 827-1930

*Multi-Service Centers of North & East King County:*

Bellevue (425) 747-4826

Northshore (206) 382-9704/(425) 485-6521

Carnation (425) 333-4163

Kirkland (425) 889-7880

Redmond (425) 882-0241



# Multi-Service Centers



The Bellevue office of the Multi-Service Centers of North and East King County will move during the week of December 27th to their new family development center and food bank at 14812 Main Street (across from K-Mart). Non-perishable food is welcomed for weekly food banks. Volunteers are needed to assist in food banks and with other services, such as sorting and distributing goods.

## City Of Bellevue Encourages Partnerships

A new report, "Bellevue Environmental Scan", summarizes community and personal values, demographic changes, downtown

## RotaCare Walk-in Clinic

RotaCare Clinic is a free walk-in clinic which will open the second week in January at the new Multi-Service Center facility at 148th Avenue NE and Main Street (across from K-Mart). 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. *Information:* Multi-Service Center (425) 747-4826.

## Crisis Clinic Information Line

The Crisis Clinic community information line yields referrals for such needs as good and toys. Congregations are asked to notify the Crisis Clinic of volunteer resources they can provide. *Information:* Pat O'Hara, (206) 461-3210.

EISCC members and others regularly contribute to the Bellevue Emergency Services Fund, administered by the Multi-Service Center. Other Multi-Service Centers serve the rest of North and East King County. Expenditures are made for rent, utilities, water, gasoline for automobiles, and motel occupancy. Contributions may be designated for the Bellevue Emergency Services Fund and sent to Jennifer Cole-Wilson, Multi-Service Center, 2253 - 140th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98005. (425) 747-4826.

Growth, increasing opportunities in education and the arts, and a variety of environmental and economic needs. The city encourages partnerships to meet such challenges and opportunities as globalization and increased diversity. *Information:* City of Bellevue Planning & Community Development. Kathleen Burgess (425) 452-6866.

The city of Bellevue supports diversity programs, coordinated by Kevin Henry, Office of Cultural Diversity, Parks & Community Services, P.O. Box 90012, Bellevue, WA 98009. (425) 637-7886 — Fax: (425) 688-2814.

## Multifaith Aids Project of Seattle (MAPS)

MAPS is an interfaith, non-profit organization which provides spiritual and practical care. Care teams, seven to fifteen persons from one or more congregations, minister to people living with HIV/AIDS, providing companionship, meals, and practical support. *Information:* Alicia Carver or Trudy James (206) 324-1520. 1729 Harvard Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122.

# Commission on Children Youth and Families

Sponsored by the Church Council of Greater Seattle, the Commission on Children, Youth & Families promotes dialogue between congregational leaders, creates and supports

## Seed Money Proposals Wanted

East Shore Unitarian Church has provided a seed money grant to EISCC in memory of Gwen Lewis, a high school teacher who was very active as a volunteer. Proposals are requested for new projects to be considered for the grant. Executive Committee suggestions included tutoring programs and information about service projects for high school students, as well as Youth Eastside Services mentors, school computers, and youth programs coordinated with YES and Youth Link.

Your ideas are welcome for new projects, which can be one-time or short-term, may involve young people, seniors, or other persons. Participation by members of more than one congregation is encouraged. *Information:* Jim Palmer, EISCC Treasurer (425) 747-2977.

## Children's Response Center

Formerly Eastside Sexual Assault Center for Children, this agency serves children who have been abused, as well as those who have observed other traumatic events, for whom medical and legal advocacy have been added to clinical service. — *Information:* Mary Ann Carlson, Volunteer Coordinator (425) 688-5130.

model programs, and focuses the voice of the religious community on social issues affecting children and youth. Programs include creating a resource and referral network; publishing in *The Source* (monthly CCGS newspaper) successes of member congregations and suggestions for involvement with children and youth; and training for congregations on developmental assets. *Information:* Geoff Ethelston (425) 486-5665, or Church Council of Great Seattle (206) 525-1213.

## Finance Task Force: Steward of Funds

Chair: Jim Palmer, Treasurer (425) 747-2977  
Louise Wong, Asst. Treasurer (425) 637-0822

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.

## Volunteer Chore Services

Catholic Community Services is the parent agency. This agency for the past 18 years has helped elders and adults with disabilities to maintain independence in their own home. They encourage congregational chore programs, for which the agency will coordinate recruiting of volunteers, provide training, and maintain records of recruiting of volunteers, provide training, and maintain records of service. *Information:* Lucy Hager, program manager. (425) 562-6864



## Bridge Ministries For Disability Concerns

Bridge Ministries serves persons with physical and developmental disabilities and

their families who have been marginalized by society, honoring their dignity and potential, and seeking to make society more inclusive. A guardianship program is available for developmentally disabled persons who lack family



support. Volunteer opportunities include one-to-one friendship and circles of friends, obtaining and repairing durable medical equipment and providing it to persons in need, and assisting congregations to provide a welcoming environment. *Information:* Donna Whitmore, volunteer ministries coordinator. (425) 828-1431.



## Emergency Feeding Program

This county-wide program, with Church Council of Greater Seattle as the parent organization, has 35 distribution sites, including St.

### Eastside Multi-Ethnic Center

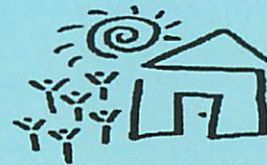
With Jewish Family Service as the parent agency, this program serves an ethnic population, including Hispanic, Asian, and European, with English as a Second Language classes, employment services, social services, and holiday gifts for children. Volunteer tutors are needed for the ESL program. *Information:* Betty Smith (425) 643-3559.

### Eastside Baby Corner



This ten-year-old, all-volunteer program collects, sorts, and distributes through agencies everything for babies up to 14-year-olds. They are the "last safety net", providing a toy bank, layettes and other supplies year round. Volunteers, including children and parents, are needed to sort materials. Cash donations are needed to supplement donated materials. Donations may be left at St. Louise Catholic Church, 141 - 156th Avenue SE, Bellevue. *Information:* Karen Ridlon, President (425) 864-0234.

Andrew's Lutheran Church, Overlake Park Presbyterian Church, and First Congregational Church in Bellevue. They request specific basic foods, encouraging food-of-the-month donations. The agency seeks to meet emergency needs and to provide referrals to enable independence. *Information:* Catherine Hillard at (425) 562-0698.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF EAST KING COUNTY

This program, which empowers families, has recently purchased land in Newcastle, and is developing coalitions of volunteers to build these homes, for which the new owners provide "sweat equity," as well as assume a mortgage. Habitat for Humanity also seeks volunteers for office work, repair of electrical equipment, public relations, training of family partners and homeowners, and coordination of house closing (knowledgeable about real estate and mortgages). *Information:* Jean Ann French, manager of resource development (425) 869-6007.

## 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 Human Services Advocacy Day and Church Advocacy Day, both in Olympia in the spring; and liaison with Washington Association of Churches and other advocacy groups. Reminder: during the legislative session, you can send a message to your state legislators through the legislative hot line, 1-800-562-6000

## Mentor Health Northwest

Mentor Health Northwest, formerly Eastside Mental Health, provides counseling, rehabilitation, and educational services.

### ARCH: A Regional Coalition for Housing

ARCH is an 8-year-old regional consortium of cities in East King County, including Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond, Duvall, Woodinville, and Newcastle, which provides funding for affordable housing. *Information:* Art Sullivan (425) 861-3677. E-mail archhousing@aol.com

Programs include anger management training, chemical dependency treatment, employee assistance, adopt-a-family and a residential housing program. *Information:* Terry Morrill, Volunteer Coordinator (425) 827-9100 ext. 233; or (425) 641-2999, ask for volunteer department, E-mail tmorrill@mhnw.com

## Salvation Army

The agency is located at 355A Kirkland Avenue, next to the Thrift Store in Kirkland. There is an adopt-a-family program for those who have suffered a traumatic experience in the past year, and food and toy giveaways. Volunteers include bell-ringing, and roving chorus groups at Christmas kettle sites and nursing homes. *Information:* Lt. Ken Perine, Pastor and Corps Officer (425) 827-1930.

## Jewish Family Service

Programs include services for seniors, disabled persons, children, and youth. A monthly Eastside food bank is available, as well as emergency assistance and refugee resettlement. Other services support utilities, rent, and other financial needs. The agency also offers Jewish Family Life Education workshops. *Information:* Jennifer Moore (206) 461-3240.

### Invitation to Participate

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cong./Agency \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

I can volunteer for \_\_\_\_\_

More Info about \_\_\_\_\_