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Information is available from Odyssey, 74 Trinity Place, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10006-2003. To request additional service from TCI Cablevision of WA, the address is 900 - 132nd Street, SW, Everett, WA 98204-7326. (206) 527-4555.

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Thank you to Michael Johnson and St. Louise Catholic Church and to Betty Spohn for publishing this newsletter.

IS YOUR ZIP CODE
CORRECT?

Postal Service rules require that we verify correctness of all zip codes on our mailing list. If yours is not correct, please notify
Betty Spohn
(425) 451-3651

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 services.

Information: Mary Ann Carlson,
Volunteer Coordinator (425)
688-5130.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

A food bank is available once a month for current clients. They also offer educational programs.

Information: Carol Mullin
(206-461-3240).

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.



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

EISCC UPDATE
Spring, 1999

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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 1998-1999 OFFICERS

John Waltner, Co-Chairperson
(425) 424-3725
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(425) 637-0822
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Large,
(425) 453-1425

TENTATIVE EISCC PROGRAM
SCHEDULE

June 8, 1999. Cultural
diversity.

July 13, 1999. Congregations
for the Homeless

August -- No meeting

September 14, 1999. Youth
violence;

October 12, 1999. Agency
holiday needs. All con-
gregations are invited to
send a representative.

November 9, 1999.
Congregational reports.

DESKTOP PUBLISHING WANTED

The newsletter editor would like someone to take the material she has gathered and format it for publication. Please notify Sally Wing (425) 747-5924.

CONSEJO COUNSELING
AND REFERRAL

In response to the presence on the Eastside of 18 different Spanish-speaking cultures, a satellite office of Consejo is available at Eastgate Public Health, where therapy for adults and children, including victims of domestic violence, is offered. Parenting classes are also available. Consejo Eastgate is located at 14350 SE Eastgate Way, Bellevue 98007. (206) 296-4940, ext.1-33821-#.

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MULTI-SERVICE CENTERS

Non-perishable food is welcomed for weekly food banks. Volunteers are needed to assist in food banks and with other services.

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 (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 98005. (425) 747-4826.

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EISCC UPDATE
SPRING, 1999

Editor: Sally Wing, (425) 747-5924

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 Editor, Sally Wing, P.O. Box 5556, Bellevue, WA 98006-0056. (425) 747-5924. Fax: (425) 746-0462.

WELCOME TO EASTSIDE INTERFAITH

Welcome, visitors 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.

Membership is voluntary, open to Eastside congregations of all faiths. There are currently 30 member congregations and 15 social agencies. Member congregations contribute \$25.00 annually to EISCC and select two voting delegates (clergy and/or lay).

Associate members are social and health service programs whose purposes and activities are consistent with the purposes of EISCC. Each contributes \$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. At each meeting, community representatives present information about resources and programs, and congregations, agencies, and task forces share information and ideas. The Council publishes annually an Emergency Services Directory, which is distributed to congregations and agencies.

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.



LEGISLATIVE
TASK FORCE

Chair: Joy Pocasangre,
(425) 747-0877

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.

CONGREGATIONS
FOR KIDS

Congregations for Kids is a partnership of congregations, the City of Bellevue, the Bellevue School District, and human service agencies, working together to help children and their families. Summer activities are held in apartment complexes, and include games, storytelling, crafts, and field trips. During the school year activities include tutoring for children and providing such services for families as automobile repair and teaching sewing skills.

Information: Rev. Ann Lukens (425) 454-9541; Ann Lewis (425) 644-1224; Sherrie Mill (425) 747-0923; or Peggy Cox, Bellevue School District (425) 456-4147.

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CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Children's Sabbath. "Forty days of prayer for children," will again be held the third weekend of October, 1999 (October 15-17), sponsored by the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Information: Patricia J. Goldberg, UCBHM, 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115. (216) 736-3799. Fax: (216) 736-3783. E-mail: goldberp@ucc.org

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KIDS AT THE CROSSROADS

Kids at the Crossroads provides enrichment centers at Lake Hills and Phantom Lake Elementary schools as part of an after-school program run by the Boys and Girls Club. Sound Youth Americorps members coordinate the program at each site, Nicole VanderDoes (425-456-5343) and Rachel Dooley (425-456-5633), respectively.

Information: (206) 525-1213 (Church Council of Greater Seattle).

"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.





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).

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.

ARCH: A REGIONAL COALITION FOR HOUSING

ARCH is a six-year old regional consortium of cities in East King County, including Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond, Duvall, Woodinville, and Newcastle, which works on affordable housing issues.

Information: Art Sullivan (425) 861-3677. E-mail archhousing@aol.com

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.

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 model programs, and focuses the voice of the religious community on social issues affecting children and youth.

Information: Geoff Ethelston (425) 486-5665, or Rachel Allen (206) 525-1213, ext. 3201.

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,

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.

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



"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.

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

MENTOR HEALTH NORTHWEST

Formerly Eastside Mental Health, Mentor Health Northwest provides counseling and educational services. The agency offers anger management training, chemical dependency treatment, and an employee assistance program.

Linda McClenahan (425) 827-9100.

EASTSIDE BABY CORNER

This agency collects, sorts, and distributes through service providers everything children use, from before birth to age 12. They prepare layettes, as well as bags of clothing, toys, and stuffed animals. Donations may be left at St. Louise Catholic Church, 141 - 156th Avenue SE, Bellevue.

Info: Karen Ridlon, President (425) 864-0234.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF EAST KING COUNTY

Construction will begin in the fall on townhouses at the Patterson Park site, near the intersection of Avondale Road and 95th Avenue in Redmond, to enable low-income Eastside families to become homeowners. Coalitions of congregations and businesses are needed to build these homes, for which the new owners provide "sweat equity," as well as assume a mortgage.

Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers for office work, repair of electrical equipment, public relations, training of family partners and home-owners, and coordination of house closing (knowledgeable about real estate and mortgages).

Information: Jean Ann French, manager of resource development, or Debbie Springer (425) 869-6007.

EMERGENCY FEEDING PROGRAM

The Emergency Feeding Program, a program of the Church Council of Greater Seattle, is coordinated on the Eastside by Catherine Hillard (425) 562-0698.

HOUSING AT THE CROSSROADS

Housing at the Crossroads provides stable, affordable, transitional housing and support services for families referred from shelter programs. Case management services are provided by Catholic Community Services for families who pay for rent and utilities based on their income, to assist them toward locating permanent housing. Community volunteers trained by CCS offer a support system.

Information: Darlyne Glaze,
(425) 746-7089; or Bob Riley
(425) 228-8006.

SALVATION ARMY

Information: Lt. Ken Perine,
Pastor and Corps Officer (425-
827-1766).

BRIDGE MINISTRIES FOR DISABILITY CONCERNS

Bridge Ministries serves persons with physical and developmental disabilities and their families by helping people to help themselves. Supported by gifts from the private sector, services include guardianship, recycling of medical equipment, circles of friends, and networking with community agencies. Volunteers are welcome. Information: (425) 828-1431.

SOUND YOUTH AMERICORPS & VISTA

Adult volunteers are needed to make a difference in children's lives through tutoring, mentoring, and after-school activities. A stipend and training opportunities are available for this service. This program of the Church Council of Greater Seattle is funded in partnership with the Corporation for National Service and the National Council of Churches. Applications are due July 16, 1999. Information: Sara Foster or Sarah Bell, (206) 525-1213.



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.

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, the Employment Task Force, Legislative Task Force, and other programs. Contact the EISCC address or task force chairs.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Return to: Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council, P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662

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 _____