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Mentor health Northwest Becomes Seattle Mental Health—Eastside

Beginning early in 2001, Seattle Mental Health has been offering services for infants through seniors at the offices formerly occupied by Mentor Health Northwest. Therapists continue to provide counseling, rehabilitation, and education at offices on Northup Way (425) 827-9100 and also at an Overlake Office on 140th Avenue NE between NE 20th Street

and NE 24th Street (425) 641-2999. SMHI also provides services in Redmond, Snoqualmie, Renton, Auburn, and Kent, in addition to services in Seattle.

Agency information: (206) 324-2400; access to services: (206) 324-0206. These numbers will connect you with other offices.

Christmas In April * Eastside

hristmas 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

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.

Christmas in April * Eastside, P.O. Box 124, Medina, WA 98039-0124. (425) 455-0179

Tentative EISCC Program Schedule

July 10, 2001 – Muslim Presence on the Eastside.

August 2001 – No meeting. September 11, 2001 – regular meetings

resume.



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 nursing homes. *Information:* Lt. Ken Perine, Pastor and Corps Officer (425) 827-1930.

A summer day camp will be offered for children entering grades one through five, June 25-July 27, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., across the street from the Kirkland Performance Center. Cost is \$120 per week, with some scholarships available. Swimming, games, songs, and outings will be offered for children to bring swimming gear and lunch. *Information:* Amanda Claasen, Youth Director, (425) 827-1930.

THISTLES AND THINGS: Saint Margaret's Thrift Shop

The Saint Margaret's Thrift Shop, located next to St. Margaret's Episcopal Church on Factoria Boulevard SE, has reopened following remodeling, and resumed its former name, Thistles and Things. Their hours are Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. They have continued to receive donations of clothing and other goods, and to make donations to a variety

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; e-mail steveka@psbc.org or Mary Wagamon, Volunteer Coordinator (425) 463-4392. For questions about donations, you can also call 1-800-398-7888.

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.

of Eastside causes. *Information:* Joan Abel, (425) 641-6830.

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.

Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank

Year round and holiday provision for food, clothing, and children's toy needs are available through the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank. *Information:* Kathy Ulmer (425) 391-5084.



Congregations For The Homeless

Chair: Nadine Shannon (425) 746-6019 Larrynadine@cs.com

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

The program is in its eighth year of providing safe secure shelter, three meals daily, and employment assistance for homeless men on

EMPLOYMENT TASK FORCE

Chair: To be assigned

Information about the job market and assistance in planning a job search, interviewing and resume writing are available at the Employment Resource Center, Bellevue Stake Center, 14536 Main Street (near 148th Avenue and the new Hopelink Center) Tuesdays, 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. and Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (425) 643-6880; fax: (425) 643-6880. Services are available to all persons regardless of church affiliation, and are also available in Renton and Everett, as part of the international network of employment offices established by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

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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 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. Email: drswing@webtv.net

the Eastside, to return them to being members of the community. Host congregations, who provide facilities for a month, are assisted by support congregations and other agencies and individuals who provide financial and volunteer support. A total of 78 congregations currently participate. 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:

Hopelink Family Development Center

The Bellevue office of Hopelink, (formerly Multi-Service Center) provides services in their family development center and food bank at 14812 Main Street, Bellevue (across from K-Mart). Non-perishable food is welcomed for weekly food banks. Other services include programs for senior citizens and people with disabilities, and a day care center for children.

Children whose families cannot afford lunch are provided with free and reduced lunches during the school year. During the summer, however, these children are offered assistance by Hopelink through the "Brown Bag Lunch Brigade." A \$25 donation to Hopelink will provide food for 16 meals.

EISCC members and others regularly contribute to the EISCC Eastside Emergency Ser-

RotaCare Walk-in Clinic

RotaCare Clinic is a free walk-in medical clinic offered Saturdays (except in August) from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Bellevue Hopelink, 14812 Main Street (across from K-Mart). The clinic, sponsored by Eastside Rotarians, is staffed by two volunteer physicians, and works with social service agencies to provide follow up care and care for chronic illness. Volunteers also include social workers and interpreters. *Information:* Bellevue Hopelink (425) 943-7555.

Emergency Services Directory

Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns
Council publishes an Emergency Services
Directory, which is distributed to congregations and agencies at two-year intervals. Additional copies are available on request.

Information: Nadine Shannon (425) 746-6019.

vices Fund, administered by Hopelink. Other 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 Eastside Hopelink, Bellevue Service Center, 14812 Main Street, Bellevue, 98007. *Information:* Jennifer Cole-Wilson (425) 943-7555.

The Eastside Literacy Council will become part of Hopelink on July 1, teaching people to read, write, and speak English. Alice Ferrier, director of the Literacy Council, will become head of literacy programs at Hopelink.

City Of Bellevue Supports Diversity Program

The City of Bellevue's cultural diversity program provides workshops, events, and programs designed to help residents of all races and cultures to be productive contributors to the community. The program, which began in 1992, has received awards from the Association of Washington Cities and the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials. The program recently sponsored a Race Unity Day, a multicultural event to celebrate racial diversity.

Youth at Hope: Business Leadership and Career Awareness Program for students will be held July 16-20 at Bellevue City Hall. Weekly radio programs on KKNW, 1150 AM, include Teen Talk, Saturdays, 11-11:30 a.m.; and Voice of Diversity, Saturdays, 11:30 to 12:00 noon.

The program is coordinated by Kevin Henry, and his cultural diversity assistant Heather Hartman, Office of Cultural Diversity, Parks & Community Services, P.O. Box 90012, Bellevue, WA 98009. (425) 452-7886 or (425) 452-7922. Fax: (425) 688-2814. Website: www.ci.bellevue,wa.us/parks/diversity/welcome.htm.

Commission on Children Youth and Families

Sponsored by the Church Council of Greater Seattle, the Commission on Children, Youth & Families promotes dialogue among congregational leaders and creates and supports model programs. Successes of member congregations and suggestions for involvement with children and youth are published in <u>The Source</u> (monthly CCGS newspaper). Training is offered to congregations on developmental assets. *Information:* Geoff Ethelston (425) 486-5665, or Church Council of Greater Seattle (206) 525-1213.

Volunteer Chore Services

This agency, under the umbrella of Catholic Community Services, has for the past 18

HOST PROJECT

The Homeless Outreach, Stabilization and Transition Project (HOST) is sponsored by the Downtown Emergency Service Center, to serve homeless seriously mentally ill adults. The program brings services such as case management, funding, and treatment to clients on the East Side, as well as elsewhere throughout King County. *Information:* Gail Efroymson: (425) 254-0523, ext. 100.

Foster Parents Needed

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For children affected by abuse, neglect, and/or conflict, the State Division of Children & Family Services is seeking individuals to open their hearts and homes as foster parents. *Information:* Tracey Mullian (425) 649-4154.

years 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 service. *Information:* Linda Verbel, program coordinator. (425) 562-6864.

MAMMA'S HANDS

Denny Hancock, founder and director of Mamma's Hands, has provided food on Wednesday evening in downtown Seattle for several years, and has also picked up and delivered furniture to House of Hope in North Bend, which provides transitional housing for homeless women. He has arranged for donation of telephones for homeless person to call home. Information: (206) 915-2073 or Website: www. MammasHands.org.

St. Andrew's Housing Group

Provision of housing for the working poor is emphasized by St. Andrew's Housing group, which has several multi-family rental units, and is developing more. *Information:* Linda Hall, Acting Director (425) 746-1699.

Bridge Ministries For Disability Concerns

Bridge Ministries serves persons with physical and developmental disabilities and



support. Volunteer opportunities include oneto-one friendship and circles of friends, obtain-

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

ing 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. 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.

The Emergency Feeding Program will sponsor a Hunger Walk on Saturday, August 25, at Seward Park. Registration begins at 8:00

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.

a.m., 5K run and 10K walk at 9:00 a.m. A picnic will follow the event.



Habitat for Humanity empowers families by constructing homes, for which the new owners provide "sweat equity," as well as assume a mortgage. The East King County affiliate will do its first "blitz build" in August, when hundreds of volunteers will build 20 homes at Snoqualmie Ridge in 12 days. Volunteers, who are not required to have construction experience, are needed for this and other projects. 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 & mortgages).

Information: Jean Ann French, manager of resource development (425) 869-6007 or Debbie Springer, volunteer coordinator (425) 869-6007 or Email: vcoord@habitatedc.org
Website: www.habitatekc.org

Legislative Task Force

Chair: Joy Pocasangre (425) 747-0877 e-mail: good4me@halcyon.com



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.

Multifaith Works Aids People With Aids

Multifaith Works oversees several projects which work with people living with AIDS, mobilizing volunteers, primarily from faith communities, to provide critical services which assist people affected by life-threatening or chronic illnesses to live with personal dignity and integrity. Multifaith AIDS project (MAPS)

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.

provides supportive low-income housing to people living with AIDS. CareTeam volunteers offer practical support and friendship to individuals and households living with AIDS. Shanti volunteers provide one-to-one emotional support to people with life-threatening illnesses included HIV/AIDS.

In addition to these HIV/AIDS related programs, Multifaith Works also includes the MS Housing Joint Venture with the Multiple Sclerosis Association of King County to open a home for people moderately disabled by multiple sclerosis.

Its programs also include the Multifaith Alliance of Reconciling Communities (MARC), which builds bridges between faith communities and the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/
Transgendered/Questioning community.

Information: (206) 324-1520. 1729 Harvard Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122.

Youth Eastside Services

Youth Eastside Services (YES) provides parent support groups, drug and alcohol counseling, and individual counseling. Volunteers are active as receptionists, intake workers, and mentors. *Information:* (425) 747-4937

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Websites You May Find Useful

Since many people now have access to the Internet, and use it regularly both for e-mail and for seeking information on the Internet, we'd like to encourage you to share favorite Websites with other EISCC members.

- ♦ Thehungersite.com provides an opportunity to donate food once per day at The Hunger Site to help fight world hunger, through the United Nations World Food Programme, paid for by corporate sponsors.
- Churchcouncilseattle.org is the site of the Church Council of Greater Seattle, which provides links to other ecumenical organizations, peace and justice groups, children's organizations, government, etc.
- ♦ The Interfaith Alliance is a faith-based voice countering the radical right and promoting the positive role of religion. You have an opportunity to subscribe to updates on legislative issues. Its website is tialliance.org.

- ♦ The U.S. House of Representatives house. gov and the U.S. Senate senate.gov each have a website, which includes their current schedules, bills, history, and directory.
- Vatican news releases in four languages are provided by an independent international news agency at Zenit.org.
- Shamash: The Jewish Internet Consortium provides information, education, discussion, and community-building resources, at shamash.org.
- ♦ The American Jewish Committee identifies local chapters, coming events, and national legislation, at ajc.org.
- Worldwide Faith Network whose website is WFN.org, provides news releases from a wide variety of faith groups.
- ♦ Information about status of legislation in Washington is available at leg.wa.gov.



Children's Action Network

Children's Action Network, a program of the Children's Alliance, promotes action on child care, health care, juvenile justice, welfare reform, and other children and family issues. They publish Children's Action Alerts, especially during the legislative session, providing background information for contact with legislators and other action. They send two surveys

each year to their members. There is no charge; if you join the Network you are asked to take five minutes each week to speak up for children.

Information: Gabriela Quintana, Field Organizer, 172—20th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122. Phone: (206) 324-0340; Fax: (206) 325-6291; email: Gabriela@childrensalliance.org. Website: www.childrensalliance.org.

Mental Health Task Force Seeks Your Response

Task Force *Information:* Sally Wing, (425) 747-5924 or Fax: (425) 746-0462 or Email: drswing@webtv.net

The mental Health Task Force asked at recent EISCC meetings, How do you inform people in a congregation that resources are available? Answers you may find helpful included: posters, pamphlets (in a kiosk), bulletin board, newsletters, resource table, speakers, church office, EISCC Eastside emergency directory, and congregation's website.

When we asked, Is there someone or some group in the congregation to whom people would turn, answers included: pastor or other staff member, mental health professionals in

congregation, counseling service, congregational care team, Stephen Ministers, families of people with mental illness, and a variety of supportive programs.

Resources for information include: Crisis Clinic community information line, (206) 461-3222, or Website: www.crisisclinic.org

Washington Advocates for the Mentally III (WAMI), (206) 783-WAMI, or Website: www. behavenet.com/wami

Seattle Mental Health, information: (206) 324-2400; access to services: (206) 324-0206.

Please let us know about additional resources and additional information you would like from the task force.

HOT MEAL PROGRAM

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church sponsors a hot meal program for all interested persons, each Thursday evening at 5:30 p.m. at 2650—148th Ave. SE, Bellevue. Volunteers are needed to expand the program.

Children's Response Center

The Children's Response Center, a service of Harborview Hospital, located in Bellevue, offers The Abuse Prevention Project (TAPP), to address family violence issues, working with faith communities to ascertain their needs, and providing workshops on teen violence. *Information:* Lauren Slovic, (425) 688-5130, or Imslovic@u.

Information: Patti Berg (425) 746-2529 or salinfo@salcbellevue.org

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, at 1811 - 156th Ave. N.E., Bellevue (425) 643-2221. They serve an ethnic population, which includes Hispanic, Asian, and European, with English as a Second Language classes, employment services, social services, and holiday gifts for children. Other services support utilities, rent, and other financial needs. The agency also offers Jewish Family Life Education workshops. *Information:* Jennifer Mohr (206) 461-3240.

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. Representatives of 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

EISCC 2000-2001 Officers

Lloyd Van Vactor, Co-Chairperson (425) 885-6993—lgvv@aol.com Paul Hunsberger, Co-Chairperson (425) 454-1556—phunsberger@webtv.net JoAnne Way, Co-Secretary (425) 747-3031—waytandj@seanet.com Glennda Estes, Co-Secretary (425) 747-9640 Jim Palmer, Treasurer (425) 747-2977—jrp203@aol.com Louise Wong, Ass't Treasurer (425) 637-0822

Dorothy Scott, Delegate-at-Large

(425) 453-1425

p.m. (bring your sack or fast food 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. Volunteers help to maintain Congregations for the Homeless, the employment task force, legislative task force, and other programs.

Information: Lloyd Van Vactor (425) 885-6993 or Paul Hunsberger (425) 454-1556, cochairs.

Invitation to Participate

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Odyssey Channel:

Faith and Values-based

The Odyssey Channel will change its name to Hallmark Channel on August 6, according to the Religion News Service, and will change to



family-friendly programming. The new owners are the Jim Henson Company and Hallmark Entertainment. AT&T Cable Services will continue to broadcast its programs on channel 21, Monday-Friday, 4 a.m. - 3 p.m., but could provide no further informa-

tion on changes in programming.

Odyssey began in 1988 as Vision Interfaith Satellite Network (VISN), run by the National

Interfaith Cable Coalition, a consortium of nearly 70 Protestant, Jewish, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Evangelical, and Pentecostal faith groups. In 1994 the channel became the Faith and Values Channel and in 1996, Odyssey, following part ownership by Liberty Media with the interfaith coalition, which continues to maintain a minority stake in the channel.

Information is available from Odyssey, 74 Trinity Place, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10006-2003. To request additional service from AT & T Broadband, the address is 900—132nd St. SW, Everett, WA 98204-7326. (206)-527-4555

The Washington Living Wage Movement

The Washington living Wage Movement is organized around nine principles of unity and focuses on both local and state-wide issues and campaigns.

These issues are: The right to organize, access to health care, child care, and affordable housing, the right to a decent wage and benefits, the right to adequate education, workforce training and re-training, and the protection from discrimination.

The Living Wage Movement works to develop collective power; to build organizational relationships; to increase capacity of underrepresented constituents; to affect public policy; to enhance the capacity for political participation and to develop relationships between

public policy researchers, advocates and community organizations. Michael Ramos, Economic Justice Associate, Washington Association of Churches (206) 625-9790.

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Thank You

Thank you to Paul Burnham, Betty Spohn and volunteers from St. Louise Catholic Church for publishing this newsletter.