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## Seattle Mental Health—Eastside

Seattle Mental Health - Eastside serves severely mentally ill persons and persons with grief and stress-related issues. They provide services at 14270 NE 21st St. Bellevue, WA 98004. SMH also provides services in Red-

mond, Snoqualmie, Renton, Auburn, and Kent, in addition to services in Seattle.

Agency information: (206) 302-2200;  
Bellevue Service Center: (425) 653-5000.  
Bellevue, Northcreek / Northwest Counseling Institute (425) 653-4900.

## Evergreen Hospital Medical Center

This inpatient and outpatient medical care facility provides comprehensive medical services, including 24-hour emergency care. Answers medical questions on Evergreen Healthline (425) 899-1700. It offers parent education

and support groups, budget counseling, school supplies, financial assistance for heating and energy bills for low income families. *Information:* (425) 899-1000.

Website: evergreenhealthcare.org

## United Way of King County (Eastside)

United Way is a county-wide agency which raises funds, recruits volunteers, and distributes resources to health and human service non-profit organizations. The Eastside Program Liaison is a liaison between United Way and participating organizations, providing support, information, resources, and advocacy. *Information:* (206) 461-5075.

Website: uwkc.org

### ***Tentative EISCC Program Schedule***

**May 10, 2005** - Diversity in Bellevue

**June 14, 2005** - Housing: Habitat &  
Together we Build





# Salvation Army

The Salvation Army Eastside Corps is located at 911 - 164th Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA 98008-3518 (Mailing address: P.O. Box 7478, Bellevue, WA 98008-1478), according to Bob Giuliano and Captain Ken Perine. Telephone number (425) 452-7300. Email: Bob\_Giuliano@usw.sarmy.org.

Emergency and disaster services include food, shelter, clothing, and utilities. They provide services to sick and housebound elderly persons, to "latch-key" children, and to incarcerated persons and their families.

## Saint Margaret's Thrift Shop

The Saint Margaret's Thrift Shop is located next to St. Margaret's Episcopal Church on Factoria Boulevard SE. 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 of Eastside causes. *Information:* Joan Abel, (425) 641-6830.

## City Of Bellevue Supports Diversity Program

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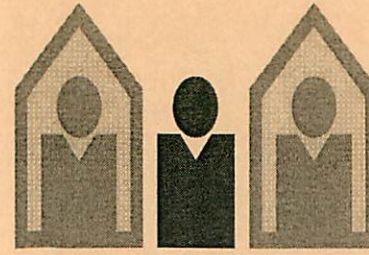
A television program, also called "Voices of Diversity" airs on Bellevue Channel 21 at 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, and 1:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Fridays.

The program is coordinated by Kevin

Henry, and his cultural diversity assistant Callie Shanafelt, 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](http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/parks/diversity/welcome.htm).

### PUGET SOUND BLOOD CENTER

This agency collects blood from volunteer donors, and provides blood services to hospitals and health care organizations in 14 Puget Sound counties. Programs also include a small laboratory. It is supported by volunteer blood donors and volunteer workers, who assist in coordination, registration, and monitoring. *Information:* Leigh Chapman, Donor Resources Representative, (425) 462-4395. Email: [leighc@psbc.org](mailto:leighc@psbc.org).



## Congregations For The Homeless

Director: Steve Roberts (206) 295-7803  
[SteveRoberts@comcast.net](mailto:SteveRoberts@comcast.net)

Regular meeting: 1st Tuesday, 12 noon to 1 p.m.  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church - 3030 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue

This program celebrated its eleventh anniversary in September, 2004. It provides safe secure shelter, three meals daily, and employment assistance for homeless men on 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 67 congregations currently participate. The cities of Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, and Redmond, and United Way have provided grants for our services. Services by vol-

unteers enable 99% of the income to be used for direct services.

We contract with Catholic Community Services to provide counseling as needed and employment case management. There is always one site manager at the host congregation with the clients. Sleeping facilities at the host congregation and three meals daily are provided pro bono by volunteers.

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) 284-2211 or 1-800-872-3204

Jewish Family Service  
(425) 461-3240

Salvation Army  
(425) 452-7300

Hopelink

Bellevue (425) 943-7559

Northshore (425) 485-6521

Carnation (425) 333-4163

Kirkland (425) 889-7880

Redmond (425) 882-0241

Contributions are welcome for the  
Nadine Shannon Memorial Fund  
To honor the program's first director.

### Children's Response Center

This agency, a service of Harborview Hospital, serves children who have been abused, as well as those who have observed other traumatic events, and family members, and provides medical and legal advocacy and educational programs as well as group and individual counseling.

The agency's vision is for all children to have a safe and nurturing environment, a home and community free of sexual assault and other trauma and the pain and disruption these cause.

*Information:* Caroline Shelton, education and prevention coordinator, (425) 688-5130. [www.childrensresponsecenter.org](http://www.childrensresponsecenter.org)



# HOPELINK

Hopelink provides services, which include programs in five centers in North and East King County for senior citizens and people with disabilities, a day care center for children, and literacy programs.

Children whose families cannot afford lunch are provided with free and reduced lunches through school districts during the school year, and the "Brown Bag Lunch Brigade" in the summer.

Also part of Hopelink is RotaCare Clinic, a free walk-in medical clinic offered Saturdays (except in August) from 9:30—11:30 a.m. 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. The Family Development Program assists low-income families to set and accomplish goals. The program provides emergency services, life skills workshops, parenting classes and support groups, and ongoing support and advocacy. *Information:* (425) 943-7550.

EISCC members and others regularly

## EISCC 2004-2005 Officers

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(425) 453-1425

contribute to the EISCC Eastside Emergency Services Fund, administered by Hopelink. Expenditures are made for rent, utilities, water, gasoline (automobiles), and motel occupancy. Contributions may be sent to Eastside Hopelink, Bellevue Service Center, 14812 Main Street, Bellevue, 98007. *Information:* Rochelle Clayton (425) 943-7559.

## HEALING MASS

Sacred Heart Catholic Church holds a healing mass on the fourth Monday of each month, 5:30 p.m. at the church, 9460 NE 14th Street, Bellevue. Prayers are offered for and with all persons who are in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing. The presider will anoint anyone who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Healing. All are welcome to attend, especially those in need of healing and their families and friends. *Information:* (425) 454-9536.

## Invitation to Participate

To: Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council  
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662  
Betty Spohn (425) 451-3651

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Congregation member: \$30 \_\_\_\_

Agency member: \$15 \_\_\_\_

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

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

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

# Catholic Community Services

Catholic Community Services at 12828 Northup Way, Suite 100, Bellevue 98005-1932, provides foster care, food, emergency services, transitional housing, legal advocacy, and counseling. *Information:* (425) 284-2211 or 1-800-872-3204.

Volunteer Chore Services, a program of CCS, helps elders and adults with disabilities to maintain independence in their own home, by assisting with such tasks as grocery shopping,

light housekeeping, minor home repair, moving, and yard work.

## Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace have been members of EISCC for many years. Their mission is to work for peace and respond to the social concerns and needs of the time. Their ministries include meeting and retreat space in Bellevue for nonprofit organizations and church groups; regional health systems, including St. Joseph Hospital in Bellingham; housing for low income persons; and the Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center, which provides a regular newsletter and Women's Justice Circles. *Information:* (425) 451-1770. Website: [csjp.org/olp/](http://csjp.org/olp/)



Habitat for Humanity is an international organization which partners with other programs and constructs modest but adequate housing. It empowers families by constructing homes, for which the new owners provide "sweat equity" and assume a no-interest mortgage. Since 1988, homes have been built on the Eastside for more than 50 families by congregational and interfaith groups.

*Information:* (425) 869-6007 Website: [www.habitatkc.org](http://www.habitatkc.org)

## Bellevue Crop Walk

The fourth annual Bellevue Crop Walk will be held Saturday, May 14, 2005, beginning and ending at First Presbyterian Church, to alleviate hunger world-wide. All are welcome to participate. Proceeds will be divided, 25% to local hunger programs, 75% to Church World Service.

*Information:* Nancy Bent (425) 957-4756 or [nancybent@comcast.net](mailto:nancybent@comcast.net)

## 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 15821 NE 8th St. Suite 210 Bellevue, WA 98007 (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. *Information:* Carol Mullin (206) 861-3176 or [myeager@JFSSEATTLE.org](mailto:myeager@JFSSEATTLE.org)



# BRIDGE MINISTRIES

Bridge Ministries serves persons with physical and developmental disabilities and their families. 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:* The Reverend Bruce Knofel (425) 828-1431 or [bridge@bridgemin.org](mailto:bridge@bridgemin.org)

## Legislative Task Force

*Chair: Joy Pocasangre (425) 747-0877*  
e-mail: [good4me1@earthlink.net](mailto:good4me1@earthlink.net)



Purpose of the Task Force is education and advocacy for faith communities on federal, state, and local issues.

Activities include annual participation in advocacy days in Olympia in the spring; and liaison with Washington Association of Churches and other advocacy groups. During the legislative session, you can send a message to your state legislators through the legislative hot line, 1-800-562-6000.

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## Websites You May Find Useful

Since many people use the Internet 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.

- ◇ [Churchcouncilseattle.org](http://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](http://tialliance.org).
- ◇ The U.S. House of Representatives [house.gov](http://house.gov) and the U.S. Senate [senate.gov](http://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](http://Zenit.org).
- ◇ Shamash: The Jewish Internet Consortium provides information, education, discussion, and community-building resources, at [shamash.org](http://shamash.org).
- ◇ The American Jewish Committee identifies local chapters, coming events, and national legislation, at [ajc.org](http://ajc.org).
- ◇ Worldwide Faith Network whose website is [WFN.org](http://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](http://leg.wa.gov).
- ◇ United Religions Initiative is a grassroots international interfaith organization. Its Emergency Response Network offers a model in which more than 100 religious leaders have formed a network to respond instantly to acts of hate violence perpetrated against religious, ethnic, and racial minorities. [www.uri.org](http://www.uri.org)

### 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.

### Kindering Center

The Kindering Center is a non-profit neurodevelopmental center which provides services to children and their families with disabilities and special needs from birth to three years. Services include language therapy, parenting classes in four languages, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and counseling. *Information:* (425) 747-4004 or [www.kindering.org](http://www.kindering.org)



# Children And Family Services

Children and Family Services is a division of the State Department of Social and Health Services. Services include investigation by Child Protective Services of complaints of child abuse, neglect, and exploitation. They provide referrals to support services, including crisis counseling, day care, and out of home placement if necessary. Services for runaway youth may include crisis counseling, respite place-

ment, and intensive family counseling. Out of home placement may include emergency short-term care, specialized foster care, or group homes.

King County reporting line: 1-800-609-8764. Local reporting: (425) 649-4110. Local address: 14360 SE Eastgate Way, Bellevue, WA 98007

*Information:* (425) 647-4103

## Mental Health Task Force Seeks Your Response

*Task Force Information:* Sally Wing, (425) 747-5924 or Fax: (425) 462-5601 or Email: [drswing@webtv.net](mailto:drswing@webtv.net)

The Mental Health Task Force can provide suggested prayers, suggestions for offering

assistance, a list of community resources, information about the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and publications by Pathways to Promise. Information is conveyed through an e-mail list serve.

## ***Eastside Baby Corner***

This fourteen-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) 865-0234 or [babycorn@gte.net](mailto:babycorn@gte.net).

### **EISCC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Your time and energy can help to maintain EISCC services, including Congregations for the Homeless, task forces, and other programs. Please contact the editor, Sally Wing (425) 747-5924, or [drswing@webtv.net](mailto:drswing@webtv.net)