

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL - 2014

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What is EISCC?

Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council provides a forum for exchange of information among Eastside congregations and agencies to address human needs in our communities. EISCC has provided 501(c)(3) coverage to support and launch Congregations for the Homeless and Sophia Way and continues to support these agencies as well as look for other programs to support in this way in the future.

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 other's' 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.

Membership...

EISCC is open to all faiths. Member congregations contribute \$45.00 annually to EISCC and may select two voting delegates. Associate members are social and health service programs whose purposes and activities are consistent with the purposes of EISCC. Each pays a fee of \$30.00 annually and has a voice but does not vote. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month except August and December, from 12-1:30 at St Margaret's Episcopal Church at 4228 Factoria Blvd SE Bellevue, WA 98006.

EISCC Services...

We use our resources carefully to help those in need. In addition to serving as a communication link for social concerns and coordination of charitable activities among the Eastside faith communities, EISCC sponsors two specific outreach ministries as sub-agencies and supports Hopelink's Emergency Services Fund.

1. Congregations for Kids, a coalition of local congregations helped by Eastside businesses and community organizations, provides backpacks and/or school supplies for students from low income families within the Bellevue School District. Run by volunteers, it is the only organization in Bellevue to provide these for students that the district has determined need them the most of those qualifying for the free and reduced price lunch program. Over 18,400 requests from the district have been filled in CFK's Good Start Back to School project's first 18 years. Approximately 1650 students will be helped this year, 100 more than last year. Helping with the 2013 project were 29 Bellevue Congregations, two service organizations, one business, one corporation, one university program, and one foundation.
2. Backpack Meals Bellevue provides a supply of nutritious food for participating students in Bellevue high schools, middle schools and students in the fifth grades. Each food bag contains 2

breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, 3 snacks, 2 fruits and 1 vegetable. All food is nonperishable and provided to children free of charge. The intent is to support the health and achievement of every student who participates. Volunteers purchase, pack and deliver food to the school staff. Approximately 9 volunteers work each Thursday morning to see that the bags of food are packed and delivered to the schools on Thursday afternoon. Teachers and counselors distribute the food packs to the students Friday to take home. The program is completely funded by generous donations from people in the Bellevue community.

EISCC also assists in the Emergency Services Fund through Hopelink. This fund is designed to help prevent homelessness by assisting Eastside residents with eviction prevention (rent), utility bills and prescription drug costs. Payments to EESF can be made by check payable to EESF and sent to Hopelink at 14812 Main Street, Bellevue, WA 98007

To support our continuing work, you can become a part of Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council

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Please send checks to:

Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council

Attention Kimberly Kibby

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Name and Congregation or Agency _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Congregation Member \$45 _____ Agency Member \$30 _____