

December 21, 2018

**EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL**  
**PO Box 662**  
**Bellevue, WA 98009-0662**

re: **2019 EISCC participation**

Dear Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council member:

**2019 Membership** Please support us again in 2019. Annual membership is \$45 for congregations, \$30 for agencies. EISCC has no paid staff or employees - all funds go toward operations.

**We Welcome Your Participation!** Since the 1960's, EISCC has been a forum for Eastside faith communities and social service agencies to share concerns and provide solutions for the problems of the marginalized among us. EISCC also serves as a link for congregations to local government.

**Monthly Meetings** Attend our monthly (free) noon lunch meetings to report and share your work, needs and resources. Learn of service opportunities for your group as you review agency presentations. EISCC.net has program information, meeting minutes, announcements, and emergency service contacts to help EISCC members help those in need access vital community services.

**Sub-Agencies** EISCC currently sponsors two sub-agencies: Congregations for Kids<sup>1</sup>, and Backpack Meals<sup>2</sup>. EISCC also supports the Eastside Emergency Services Fund<sup>3</sup>. Congregations for the Homeless, and The Sophia Way started as sub-agencies of EISCC.

Thanks for your kind support and participation in EISCC.

Yours in service, Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council

Linda Hillesheim, President

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<sup>1</sup> **Congregations for Kids** - This 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. Led by volunteers, it is the only organization in Bellevue to provide these for students in kindergarten through high school throughout the district who the district determines need them the most. Since Congregations for Kids' first Good Start Back to School project in 1996, over 25,480 requests from the district have been filled. [www.congregations4kids.org](http://www.congregations4kids.org)

<sup>2</sup> **Backpack Meals Bellevue** - This volunteer run program provides weekend meals for children in all grades in the Bellevue School District. Several hundred students received bags of food. BSD has about 4,000 students eligible for free and reduced lunches and over 200 homeless students. Thanks to the many community supporters, we have been able to provide the food requested by children and families each year. <http://backpackmeals.org/>

<sup>3</sup> **Eastside Emergency Services Fund** - EISCC sponsors the Eastside Emergency Services Fund (EESF) through Hopelink, to help prevent homelessness by assisting with eviction prevention (rent), utility bills and prescription drug costs. EESF payments may be sent to Hopelink at 14812 Main Street, Bellevue, WA. 98007.

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Please send checks for 2019 to:

Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns  
Council PO Box 662 Bellevue, WA  
98009-0662

Name of Congregation or  
Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Individual representative \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation Member \$45. Agency Member \$30