MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Volunteer Opportunities in Bellevue

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Welcome!

In 2016, the City of Bellevue was ranked #2 in the Top 100 Places to Live by Livability.com for small to mid-sized cities.

Bellevue is high on the list for many reasons – our natural surroundings, recreation, shopping, housing, schools and great diversity. But what makes Bellevue truly special is its people. The people of Bellevue support their community in many ways through meaningful volunteer opportunities that promote civic engagement and provide assistance to those in the community most in need.

Why being a volunteer in your community is important

• You can make a difference – share your unique skills to support others.
• You get a chance to give back – use your gratitude to improve your community.
• You learn a lot – experience something new.
• You help strengthen your community – work together to enhance fellowship and collaboration.
• You can connect with your neighbors – meet others in your community.

If you’d like to become involved, but aren’t sure where to start, this Guide was created to provide a comprehensive list of volunteer opportunities with many of the various organizations serving Bellevue and the surrounding Eastside community.

We hope you will find this Guide helpful to make an informed decision about where you want to give your time and talents to your community.

If you represent a non-profit organization and are interested in having your volunteer opportunities added to the next update of this Guide, please contact Brian Ugai at b.ugai@outlook.com.

Many thanks for making our community a top place to live!
Aging Adults
| **WHO WE ARE** | The Bellevue Network on Aging supports the mission of Aging Services in Bellevue through effective and systematic outreach, regional collaboration and community involvement with a unified voice. The Network promotes awareness of needs and resources that support older adults through life’s transitions. |
| **OUR HISTORY** | The BNOA was formed in 2006 and acts in an advisory capacity to the City of Bellevue Parks & Community Services Department. Their role is to study, review, evaluate and make recommendations to the City on all matters affecting Bellevue’s older adults. |
| **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** | Recruitment begins in September with interviews conducted in October and selection of new members to the 15 person board recommended to the team in November. Terms are for two years and meetings are the first Thursday of each month 8:30-10:30am with required committee involvement for a few hours each month. |
| **ADDRESS** | North Bellevue Community Center  4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98007 |
| **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR** | Daniel Lassiter, dlassiter@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-7681 or Darrion Spratley, dspratley@bellevuewa.gov |
EASTSIDE FRIENDS OF SENIORS

WHO WE ARE
EFS is a non-profit which provides services provided by volunteers for seniors to help them continue living independently in their homes.

OUR HISTORY
Originally called “Faith in Action,” in September 2011 we changed our name to Eastside Friends of Seniors, to better reflect who we are and who we serve. This name has fostered our ability to grow and better serve the elderly in our community. Eastside Friends of Seniors has served hundreds of elderly since its conception.

Today, Eastside Friends of Seniors serves individuals who live in Issaquah and Sammamish. We also have some clients in parts of Snoqualmie Valley and Bellevue. We mobilize volunteers to provide essential assistive services, enabling our clients to live independently and with dignity in the comfort of their own homes. Eastside Friends of Seniors is able to meet its mission by partnering with other organizations in the community.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Many seniors in our area are alone and do not have ANYONE to help them. They are unable to do simple things such as, drive to the grocery store, vacuum, perform yard work or household maintenance. You can help a senior, by yourself, with your family or with a friend. Help seniors to stay in their homes with just a few flexible hours a month.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
EFS projects for seniors range from 1-2 hours a week to one time projects of 2-4 hours.

ADDRESS
1121 228th Ave SE, Sammamish WA 98075

WEBSITE
www.Eastsidefriendsofseniors.org

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Heather, heather@eastsidefriendsofseniors.org, 425-369-9120
WHO WE ARE

The Eastside Neighbors Network is building an organization with the purpose of bringing neighbors together to help each other thrive as they progress through life’s changes. Our approach is based on the “Virtual Village” model pioneered by Beacon Hill Village in Boston in 1999. Generally developed by and for older residents, villages offer some of the benefits of a retirement community for residents who want to remain in their homes and participate actively in a community designed around their interests and needs.

The Eastside Neighbors Network Steering Committee has been exploring the feasibility of developing a village on the Eastside for the past year. We have held several well-attended meetings to inform the public and recruit volunteers, and we conducted a strategic planning session in May 2016. The Steering Committee has formed several task forces to manage specific objectives, and will continue to build on this structure. The Steering Committee currently meets every two weeks to continue our planning. We welcome community members who would like to assist us in our development.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

As a start-up organization, we would benefit from professional help in a variety of areas. These include but are not limited to the following:

- Legal assistance with 501(C)3 application
- Volunteer Recruitment/Coordination
- Database Management
- Fund raising
- Board Development
- Community Outreach
- Needs Assessment
- Photography/Graphic Design
- Organization to provide regular meeting space

MINIMUM COMMITMENT

The Steering Committee meets on Tuesday mornings for 2 hours every 2 weeks, and Task Forces meet in between those sessions. Each Steering Committee member agrees to serve on at least one Task Force, and there are tasks to be accomplished between meetings, so a Steering Committee member can expect to commit 2-4 hours each week.

Task Force members do not need to attend Steering Committee meetings, and may take on short-term assignments.
### Aging Adults

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<td>Joanne Gainen, <a href="mailto:new.village.info@gmail.com">new.village.info@gmail.com</a>, Office: 425-747-4860; Mobile: 425-577-3151</td>
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EASTERSEALS WASHINGTON ADULT DAY CENTER – BELLEVUE
(FORMERLY ELDER & ADULT DAY SERVICES)

WHO WE ARE
Easterseals Washington Adult Day Center – Bellevue provides a place for adults with disabilities to be active in the community, socialize with peers and receive health and personal care. Additionally, the program allows caregivers to work outside the home and attend to their own needs or the needs of other family members.

OUR HISTORY
Easterseals Washington has been providing crucial services for people with disabilities and their families since 1947. Now, through 11 program sites statewide, we are serving people of any age and any disability - helping our clients build skills and access the resources they need to live, learn, work and play.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Our current volunteer opportunities include helping with activities and interacting with participants, sharing your talent such as in music, dance, art or others, basic office tasks, organizing, and/or light handyman services. Program hours are Monday through Friday only and participants are in attendance between 9am -3pm.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
Volunteer service is flexible and we can work with your availability; handyman projects are best done late in the day (after 3:00), evenings or weekends if staff can be present.

ADDRESS
12831 NE 21st Place Bellevue WA 98005

WEBSITE
www.easterseals.com/washington

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Dena Adkins Conley, dadkins@wa.easterseals.com
206-281-5700, ext. 107
Aging Adults

KING COUNTY LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

WHO WE ARE
The King County Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program seeks volunteers who are dedicated to advocating for rights of residents in long-term care facilities such as nursing homes, assisted living, and adult family homes throughout King County. There are several long-term care facilities in the greater Bellevue area that need volunteers to advocate for these residents. As an Ombuds, you would visit your assigned facility weekly in your community.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Ombuds Certification 32-hour training. Visits to your assigned facilities on a weekly basis, spending about 4 hours/week working on behalf of residents. Attend monthly volunteer meetings that are two hours each month and held during the day.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
Minimum of a one year commitment

ADDRESS
PO Box 23699, Federal Way, WA 98093-0699

WEBSITE
www.waombudsman.org/

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Jeremy Bell, Regional Ombuds, jeremyb@mschelps.org, 253-838-6810 ext. 197
**SOUND GENERATIONS**

**WHO WE ARE**

Sound Generations connects seniors and adults with disabilities with vital resources in their communities. We provide them with meals, drive them to essential services, ease their loneliness and alleviate caregiver stress. We are committed to helping people thrive and feel included and respected.

**OUR HISTORY**

Sound Generations, formerly Senior Services, is the most comprehensive non-profit agency serving older adults and their loved ones in Washington State. Established in 1967, we promote the emotional, social and physical well-being of more than 83,000 seniors and adults with disabilities and those who care for them in King County.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

We have five programs where volunteers are used on a regular basis:

1. Pathways Information & Assistance – Pathways Information Volunteer Specialist help seniors and adult with disabilities access thousands of resources.

2. Volunteer Transportation – Volunteers drive seniors to and from medical appointments.

3. Community Dining – Volunteers prepare lunch greet and socialize with seniors.

4. Meals on Wheels – Meals on Wheels volunteers take participant meal orders, pack the meals, and/or deliver meals directly to them.

5. State Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) – Volunteers help educate and advise seniors about Medicare and other health insurance options.

**MINIMUM COMMITMENT**

Volunteers hour varies by program needs. Some can be as few as 1-2 hours per week, others more. Most events are during the weekday, as we are not typically open on weekends.

**ADDRESS**

2208 2nd Ave Seattle, WA 98121

**WEBSITE**

Soundgenerations.org

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

Mattie Taplin, mattiet@soundgenerations.org, 206-268-6762
Arts
BELLEVUE ARTS MUSEUM

WHO WE ARE

Bellevue Arts Museum (BAM) is the Pacific Northwest's center for the exploration of art, craft, and design. The Museum's mission is guided by the belief that craft and design are essential to the conversation on art and are equally transformative. From objects made for everyday use to cutting-edge sculpture, furniture, and jewelry, BAM celebrates the creative process, skill, and vision of today's most talented makers. International exhibitions are placed side-by-side some of the region's most promising artists, fostering global exchange and providing a platform for thought-provoking ideas.

OUR HISTORY

BAM is one of few museums that grew out of an art fair. Started by a handful of dedicated volunteers, the first fair was held in 1947 and eventually led to the founding of the Museum in 1975. After undergoing a series of transformations, BAM opened the doors to its first permanent home, designed by renowned architect and Washingtonian Steven Holl, in 2001. Exclusively dedicated to art, craft, and design since 2005, the Museum has grown to be an important contributor to the region's cultural vibrancy and a leading institution in its field. The Bellevue Arts Museum ARTS fair continues to be a core community program, celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2016.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers – ongoing, year-round

Serving as Museum ambassadors, volunteers are important links to the community and integral to our success. By joining our team of dedicated volunteers, you will help fulfill the Museum's mission while engaging in ongoing learning and becoming connected to the larger arts community. Our committed volunteers provide administrative support and great customer service; and support Museum events such as Artful Evening and BAM ARTSfair. Prospective volunteers should be passionate about art, enjoy interacting with the public, and be able to make a commitment to Bellevue Arts Museum.

BAM Docent Program – applications & interviews Feb. – July

A docent is a trained, volunteer museum guide and an essential link between the public and the Museum. Docents strive to effectively engage visitors of all ages in stimulating conversations about BAM's exhibitions and the Museum's mission. Docents give tours, perform gallery duty, and assist in educational programs. Articulate, enthusiastic, and knowledgeable docents are part of the BAM family and important ambassadors inside and outside of the Museum's walls.
Commitment times vary.
Docents – 5-8 hours/week for the first 9 months of training. Twelve 2 hour shifts for two years after training is complete.

510 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

www.bellevuearts.org/get_involved/volunteer/index.html

Julia Sepulveda, Volunteer and Special Events Manager, julias@bellevuearts.org; Docent program only-Eileen Herbert, Education Curator, eileenh@bellevuearts.org
BELLEVUE YOUTH THEATER FOUNDATION

WHO WE ARE
The mission of the Bellevue Youth Theater Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is to foster the Bellevue Youth Theater program through increasing awareness, raising funds, and building community to enhance the experience of participants and audiences.

OUR HISTORY
The Foundation was formed in 2002 to provide support for the Bellevue Youth Theater. The program serves more than 1,000 participants, benefits from active community volunteerism with 300+ volunteers this past year, and has welcomed 6,500 audience members to performances annually.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Work the concessions booth, assist with fundraising/friendraising events, help backstage at performances, and volunteer your time and artistic talents supporting shows and coaching performers.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
No minimum

ADDRESS
16051 NE 10th St, Bellevue, WA 98008

WEBSITE
www.bytfoundation.org/volunteering-with-byt/

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Dionne Wardrop, DWardrop@bellevuewa.gov
CITY OF BELLEVUE: NORTHWEST ARTS CENTER

WHO WE ARE
Northwest Arts Center is one of City of Bellevue's Community Centers located in a quiet neighborhood location that offers a wide variety of programs and events for all ages with an emphasis on the arts as well as quality facilities for rent by the public. “The Arts Start Here” shapes our services as we strive to use the universal language of arts to education, allow for expressive communication and provide a way to connect our community.

OUR HISTORY
The site was purchased in 1969 from the Washington Baptist Convention and was converted to the NWAC. For many years the site has developed and hosted a variety of programs and partnerships such as the Bellevue College adult education Telos Program. In addition, for the last 25 years the NWAC has served as the 4th of July Event Headquarters. Staff manages and coordinates the event. The event serves 65,000 visitors.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Special Events: B.E.S.T. (Bellevue Events Services Team) - This team of volunteers help assist event staff in producing a number of City special events throughout the year. These are Lead Volunteer positions that are trained in an area of specialty, for example: Children's Entertainment, Parking/Security, Logistics Team Lead, Vendor Coordination, Hospitality Lead, Volunteer Coordination, and Communications (Marketing and Signage.) These positions require a year commitment with about an average of 12-15 hours per month. Must be 18 years of age. Training will be provided.

Event Volunteer: Event volunteers help City staff and/or Bellevue Events Service Team volunteer leads with implementing a variety of City events. Event volunteer positions can be for one event or many events, depending on volunteer availability and interest. Typical tasks done by these volunteers are: greeting public and event concierge, children activity area helpers, parking lot monitors, etc. Must be 16 years of age or older. Commitment is for one event or multiple events.

Teaching/Instruction - The Northwest Arts Center invites volunteer instructors to assist with a variety of art and recreational programs and camps for youth as well as programs for people with disabilities. If you have a talent and love for teaching that you would like to share with your community, this is the volunteer opportunity for you. Tasks may include prepping art materials for lessons, organizing art supplies, setting up and cleaning up for classes, as well as helping teach children. Must be 14 years of age or older. Require a minimum commitment of 4 months, with an average of 8-10 hours/per month.
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| ADDRESS             | Northwest Arts Center- Bellevue Parks & Community Services  
|                     | 9825 NE 24th Street Bellevue, WA 98004  
|                     | *(note: this is a physical address not a mailing address)*  
|                     | Mailing:  
|                     | Bellevue City Hall – NWAC PO Box 90012 Bellevue, WA 98009-9012 |
| WEBSITE             | www.bellevuewa.gov/northwest_arts.htm |
| VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR | Debbie Pettersson, NWAC@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4106 |
WHO WE ARE
City Opera Ballet is a non-profit organization based in downtown Bellevue, dedicated to bringing the finest professional arts to the region through performances of opera and ballet with live orchestra featuring Ballet Bellevue, Bellevue City Opera and Orchestra Bellevue. This rare treasure in our city combines a passion for excellence, dedication to present outstanding regional talent with a commitment to fully live musical presentation of classical works, contemporary masterpieces and new works by Northwest artists.

OUR HISTORY
We are a non-profit organization (Ballet Petit, a student ballet company) founded in Bellevue in 1984. In 1995 the name was changed to Ballet Bellevue, a professional ballet company performing with live orchestra.

By 2015 Ballet Bellevue, with its solid record of performing with live orchestra, expanded to include opera, and our company is currently dba City Opera Ballet, featuring three divisions: Ballet Bellevue, Bellevue City Opera and Orchestra Bellevue (still retaining Ballet Petit as the Student Ballet Performance Division).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
We can place volunteers of all ages, skills, with or without experience. We need help in all areas relating to production of fine art performances. People with updated bookkeeping skills are especially needed, even if just to help with set-up.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
Short or long-term commitment, any time of day, including weekends.

ADDRESS
233 106th Ave NE, Bellevue WA 98004 (Please Note: the current sign on the building still says Auto House).
Mailing Address:
City Opera Ballet c/o Ballet Bellevue, P. O. Box 3704, Bellevue, WA 98009

WEBSITE
www.cityoperaballet.org

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Alex Cann, info@balletbellevue.org, 425-455-1345
Environment
BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDENS

WHO WE ARE
The Bellevue Botanical Garden is an urban refuge, encompassing 53-acres of cultivated gardens, restored woodlands, and natural wetlands. The living collections showcase plants that thrive in the Pacific Northwest.

OUR HISTORY
The Garden became part of the City of Bellevue Parks system in 1992. It is operated by the City of Bellevue in partnership with multiple organizations, including the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization incorporated in the State of Washington in 1986.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Various positions available. Volunteers work in the Garden, at special events, lead tours, and work in the Trillium Store. Volunteer Application and Orientation Required, background check required for some positions.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
Positions adapted to individuals, more structure for docent, gift shop, special events.

ADDRESS
12001 Main Street Bellevue, WA 98005

WEBSITE
www.bellevuebotanical.org

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Cynthia Welte, cwelte@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-6826

BELLEVUE PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES - ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WHO WE ARE
The City of Bellevue is proud to work with thousands of dedicated volunteers each year, who take time out of their busy lives to give back to their community and enhance their natural resources.

OUR HISTORY
The Bellevue Parks system provides family programming and recreational opportunities.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Multiple - Bellevue Master Naturalist Program (~9 weeks, twice per week, 100 hour volunteer commitment), Eco Friday and Stewardship Saturday volunteer events (for groups with 15+ volunteers), Trail Stewarding, and Canoe Guide Naturalists

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
Various. Master Naturalists commit 100 hours over 2 years, Trail Stewards 5+ hours per month.

ADDRESS
16023 NE 8th Street, Bellevue, WA 98008

WEBSITE
www.bellevuewa.gov/environmental-volunteering.htm

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Park Ranger, Lewis Creek Visitor Center, Parks_Stewardship@Bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4195
BELLEVUE SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE -- GEORGETOWN PRIZE

WHO WE ARE
In collaboration with GreenWa.org, the City of Bellevue promotes solarizing, recycling, fleet improvements, energy efficiency upgrades, community outreach and monitoring of key environmental performance trends, including greenhouse gas emissions.

OUR HISTORY
In June 2007, the City Council launched an environmental stewardship initiative, and in 2015, it was awarded the Georgetown Prize to continue efforts city-wide.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
No formal volunteers, roles in community engagement, Data gathering, and external communications

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
Hours per arrangement with Jennifer or Emma

WEBSITE
www.bellevuewa.gov/environmental.htm

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Emma Johnson 425-452-5246; Jennifer Ewing (GreenWa.org), 425-452-6129
WHO WE ARE
The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. Bellevue works with Eagle Scout candidates to fulfill the requirements of the Eagle Scout Service Project.

OUR HISTORY
For more than a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project; coordinate and lead a Stewardship Saturday with Bellevue Parks & Community Services

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
Per BSA requirements, limit 5 concurrent Eagle Scout projects

ADDRESS
By Troop in Region

WEBSITE
www.scouting.org/About.aspx

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Park Ranger, Lewis Creek Visitor Center,
Parks_Stewardship@Bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4195
EASTSIDE EARTHCORPS (AMERICA CORPS)

WHO WE ARE
EarthCorps builds a global community of leaders through local environmental service. Most recently, Earthcorps collaborated with Bellevue residents on the Newport Creek Restoration.

OUR HISTORY
EarthCorps corps provide more than 100,000 hours of service a year in the Puget Sound. We grow people with leadership development and cross-cultural understanding opportunities, since 1993.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
youth 18-25, business morale, Community building service days.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
A service year like Peace Corps, or community days for groups of 30 or more.

ADDRESS
6310 NE 74th St, Suite 201E Seattle, WA 98115

WEBSITE
www.earthcorps.org/contact.php

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Volunteer Team , volunteerearthcorps.org, 206-322-9296 ext. 217; Jennifer Ewing (GreenWa.org), 425-452-6129

FINDING URBAN NATURE (F.U.N.)--(SEATTLE AUDUBON SOCIETY)

WHO WE ARE
FUN is a program for third graders. Volunteer interpreters lead groups of students out into schoolyard, Autumn and Spring for one hour each week, over 8 weeks. Must get volunteer training through school district prior.

OUR HISTORY
Seattle Audubon is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3), founded in 1916. Seattle Audubon cultivates and leads a community that values and protects birds and the natural environment through communications, education, and exploration.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
Two seasons, fall and spring, 4 weeks, two hours a week, plus training each season.

ADDRESS
Newport Heights Elementary 5525 119th Ave SE Bellevue, WA 98006

WEBSITE
www.seattleaudubon.org/sas/About/EnvironmentalEducation/ElementarySchoolProgram.aspx

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Maggie Hsu, communications@nhe-pta.org, 425-456-5500
**FORTERRA**

**WHO WE ARE**
Forterra is a regional conservation and sustainability non-profit.

**OUR HISTORY**
Forterra is making sure this place we lives stays a place we love. We do that by securing and caring for keystone lands — places vital to our region’s long-run livability, sustainability, and equity. These include wildlands, working farms, and forests as well as places in the city for affordable housing, parks, and the arts. We work simultaneously across all these landscapes because they are interconnected. And ultimately all people and lands must thrive together.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**
Most volunteer opportunities are working outdoors to restore and care for our regions parks, natural areas, shorelines, and streams. No experience required. There are also some volunteer positions to provide regional leadership and guidance to our work.

**MINIMUM COMMITMENT**
Outdoor stewardship events are can be a 3-4 hour event on weekends. Other leadership roles vary in time depending on the position and time available.

**ADDRESS**
901 5th Ave, Ste. 2200 Seattle, WA 98164

**WEBSITE**
www.forterra.org

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**
volunteer@forterra.org

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**KELSEY CREEK FARM**

**WHO WE ARE**
In 1969 the farm house became the headquarters of the Bellevue Parks and Recreation Department. The oldest barn was modified for farm animals for public viewing and educational programs.

**OUR HISTORY**
The Farm’s Mission is to preserve this site’s natural resources and share its historic farm environment through education; provide the community with free and/or affordable programs, activities and events; and support and interpret this farm.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**
Staff Sheep Shearing Event in Spring, Teen Farm Volunteers, Adult Volunteers

**WEBSITE**
### Mercer Slough Environmental Learning Center – Pacific Science Center

#### WHO WE ARE
Located on a biologically diverse 320-acre wetland nature park in the heart of urban Bellevue, WA, Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center is a collaboration between the City of Bellevue and Pacific Science Center.

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Orientation through Pacific Science Center, only two adults currently

#### MINIMUM COMMITMENT
Varies each year, mostly geared to youth looking for High School required hours

#### WEBSITE
[www.pacificsciencecenter.org/mercer-slough/](http://www.pacificsciencecenter.org/mercer-slough/)

#### VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Ian Schooley, Teen Volunteer Coordinator, issoley@pacsci.org, 425-450-0207
ORCHARD GARDENS AT HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN

WHO WE ARE

Orchard Gardens at Holy Cross Lutheran is a growing and learning community. We were established in 2010 and have contributed more than one ton of fresh organic produce to local food banks for the past several years from both our community gardens and our heirloom orchard.

We provide gardening plots for rent to local people and have built a community of gardeners that encourages and teaches each other to succeed at growing food for their own families and to share the overage with local hungry people.

OUR HISTORY

In 2009, Holy Cross Lutheran Church went through a strategic assessment process and determined that this land, which once was a farm, had potential to provide food for local hungry people. The first crops were presented to the food bank in 2010. At the same time, with the assistance of City Fruit and the Seattle Tree Fruit Society, we began a process of revitalizing our heirloom orchard of about 30 fruit trees. For the past five years we have had community cider pressings in the fall to share this beautiful space and the pleasure of the fruit of an orchard with the greater community.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. Orchard Stewards – we are beginning a program of orchard stewards who will drive programs to improve the orchard. We have a comprehensive revitalization plan and are looking for 10-12 folks to provide about 8 hours per month in the orchard. Orchard stewards will develop and schedule projects. Some activities can be done at any time by an individual orchard steward. An overview of this program is available.

2. Cider Pressing Day – in the fall we look for community volunteers to help with this community event. Jobs include apple picking, apple washing, apple chopping, pressing, heating, greeting the visitors, set-up, clean-up. Volunteers can do any or all of these jobs for 90 minutes to 3 hours.

3. Restoration Project – we have an area of the property where we are removing invasive plant species and returning to a natural area. This is ongoing work and we have work projects from time to time. They usually last 3-4 hours. Individuals who become familiar with the area could work at their own pace and on their own time.

4. P-Patch Coordinator – we are looking for someone to be a coordinator of the P-Patch. This would be a shared position. For more information, contact Jan Starr at jdstarrs@gmail.com
5. Weekly produce delivery driver – we are looking for someone to share the duties of delivering the fresh produce to the food bank during the growing season – approximately May-September. This would take about 1 hour/week and could be shared among several drivers. You load up the produce at the garden and deliver it to the food bank.

6. Other garden/orchard projects – from time to time other projects arise and we do a call for volunteers – perhaps laying chips on pathways, weeding in the herb garden, etc. If someone would like to be on an on-call basis, that would be great!

**MINIMUM COMMITMENT**

Our projects might go from 1-2 hours or for 3-4 hours. They usually occur on the weekends. However, some projects could be done on an individual basis at one’s own convenience.

**ADDRESS**

4315 129th Pl. SE, Bellevue, WA 98006 (across from Newport High School at the corner of Factoria Blvd and Newport Way)

**WEBSITE**

[www.hcllutheran.wordpress.com/](http://www.hcllutheran.wordpress.com/)

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

Janet Farness, jkftahiti@comcast.net, 425-417-5217
# BELLEVUE STREAM TEAM

**WHO WE ARE**
Stream Team volunteers gather important information about Bellevue’s streams to help improve the understanding and health of the city’s fish and wildlife habitat through monitoring and education.

**OUR HISTORY**
Stream Team is part of Bellevue Utilities. Bellevue has over 80 miles of streams providing habitat for fish, birds, and other wildlife.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**
Spring and Fall fish monitoring projects. 1-2 hour training workshops provided in March and September.

**ADDRESS**
2901 115th Ave NE Bellevue, WA 98004 P.O. Box, 90012

**WEBSITE**
[http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/stream_team.htm](http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/stream_team.htm)

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**
Stream Team, streamteam@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-5200
WHO WE ARE

Bellevue Utilities provides high-quality, essential services that you rely on every day—drinking water, wastewater, storm and surface water and solid waste. We take pride in making sure these services are dependable, a good value for the money and delivered with the customer in mind.

OUR HISTORY

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEER IN BELLEVUE’S WATERWISE GARDEN

Splendid gardens don’t need large amounts of water or garden chemicals that can harm children, pets, and the Puget Sound. Bellevue Botanical Garden’s award-winning Waterwise Garden demonstrates natural gardening that’s healthier for families and local eco-systems. Adult volunteers are needed to help care for the garden. Learn new practices and discover plantings that conserve water, lower chemical use, reduce runoff, recycle waste, and preserve habitat — all without sacrificing an ounce of beauty. Join the Waterwise Volunteer Team and:

• Learn natural gardening techniques that can easily be applied to your home garden.

• Get hands-on experience soil building, composting and caring for a variety of plants during the growing season.

• Meet new people and build friendships by sharing similar interests.

• Have fun while achieving important resource conservation goals in the community.

Volunteer days are the first and third Wednesday of each month, 1 to 3 p.m. from spring to fall. No experience or tools are needed.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT

2 hours per month February – November

ADDRESS

450 110th Ave NE Bellevue, WA 98004 P.O. Box, 90012

WEBSITE

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/waterwise-garden.htm#

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Patricia Burgess, pburgess@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4127
## WEED WARRIORS

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<td>The Weed Warriors organization, founded in 2008, is a 501(c)(3) Public Charity and a Washington State Non-Profit Charity. The Weed Warriors organization is dedicated to further and promote a healthy, sustainable environment free of invasive noxious weeds.</td>
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<td>WEBSITE</td>
<td><a href="http://www.weedwarriors.us">www.weedwarriors.us</a></td>
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<td>VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR</td>
<td>Grace Stiller, President, <a href="mailto:grakestiller@comcast.net">grakestiller@comcast.net</a>, 425-228-7927</td>
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# INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES (ICHS)

**WHO WE ARE**

International Community Health Services (ICHS) is a nonprofit community health center that offers affordable health care services to Seattle and King County's Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community. ICHS provides primary medical and dental care, health support services and health education in seven locations.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Community Health outreach, civic engagement, other language specific projects.

**MINIMUM COMMITMENT**

Depends on scope of project / work.

**ADDRESS**

1050 140th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98005

**WEBSITE**

[www.ichs.com](http://www.ichs.com)

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

volunteer@ichs.com

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# GROUP HEALTH TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**WHO WE ARE**

The Group Health Transportation Assistance Program volunteer drivers use their own vehicles to provide rides for scheduled medical appointments to ambulatory senior Group Health members who reside in King County.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Drive ambulatory seniors to scheduled medical appointments. Drivers generally escort the rider, wait and take them home. Rides are scheduled a week ahead and drivers are able to choose their assignments weekly to accommodate their schedules. Drivers must have at least 5 years of driving experience, be free on weekdays, have a vehicle in good working order, have a clean driving record (no major accidents or infractions,) and the ability to pass a national background check. Flu immunizations and tb testing is required.

**MINIMUM COMMITMENT**

Minimum 6 month commitment. Most drivers drive one time per week and some up to 3 times per week. A typical ride takes about 3 hours total. Drivers determine when, where, and how often they will drive. Rush hours are avoided. Mileage reimbursement may be available.

**ADDRESS**

201-16th Ave East, CMB D532 Seattle, WA 98122

**WEBSITE**


**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

Lisa Hirohata, Hirohata.L@ghc.org, 206-326-2800
LifeWire has been providing domestic violence services and programs to the community since 1982. We have grown to become one of Washington State's largest domestic violence service providers and a recognized leader in the field. We work closely with local and regional human service agencies to provide life-saving and life-changing programs and services to help victims and their children separate safely from an abuser, restore trust, develop self-sufficiency and build peaceful families.

From humble beginnings in 1981, LifeWire has grown to become one of the largest providers of domestic violence services in Washington State. The first services we offered was a support group for battered women along with two volunteer safe homes followed a year later by a 24 hour crisis line. Over the years, LifeWire has helped more than 100,000 people affected by domestic violence. Learn about our history by clicking on the links below and reading about our highlights and milestones.

There are a number of ways you can engage with our organization as a volunteer, both as a direct service and non-direct service volunteer. That means either working directly with survivors of domestic violence, which requires our 25 hour training, or on things like events and in-kind resources. You can find out more about opportunities on our website, in addition to links to our application materials.

Per Washington Administrative Code, anyone working with survivors of domestic violence is required to receive (at minimum) an initial 20 hours of domestic violence education. We offer a 25-hour training twice a year, in March and September. The training is on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm with a full day advocacy training on the final Saturday. The cost of the training is $100, and you can find more information about the training, application process, and volunteering on our volunteer website. Please note that we would never turn someone away if the cost is an undue financial burden.

The process for applying to be a volunteer requires:

- LifeWire Volunteer Application
- WA State Patrol Background Check
- Scheduling an interview with the Community Engagement Manager and a LifeWire advocacy staff member.

Some of the volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to: Answering the 24-hour Helpline, Facilitating Children's
Support Groups (most are held in the evenings between either 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. or 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.), Legal Advocacy (Court Accompaniments and support with DV Protection Orders), Community Outreach and Education, among others.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
We ask that volunteers make a one year commitment to us with one shift weekly or bi-weekly. Because most of our opportunities are working directly with survivors of domestic violence, it requires a month-long 24-hour training per Washington Administrative Code. If folks are interested in doing non-direct service work (admin, resource development/fundraising, etc.) then they are not required to go through the training, but we still ask for a one year commitment. If there are groups that are interested in volunteering more ad-hoc or on one day for a few hours, we can talk more about opportunities at our facilities to get involved on projects like painting, cleaning, yard work, etc.

ADDRESS
Confidential location located on the Eastside.

WEBSITE
www.lifewire.org/get-involved/volunteer/

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Allison Jurkovich, Community Engagement Manager, allisonjj@lifewire.org, 425-562-8840 ext. 358
Overlake Hospital

Who We Are

Volunteers are a vital part of Overlake Medical Center’s patient and family-centered health care experience, supporting our mission and vision to provide exceptional and compassionate care to every life we touch.

Volunteer Opportunities

The time and commitment volunteers gift to Overlake creates healing experiences that make a difference to our patients and their families while enriching volunteers’ lives. Volunteers provide essential support to patients, their families, staff and physicians. Our diverse volunteer opportunities are well-suited for:

- Retirees
- Working adults
- Stay-at-home parents
- College students
- New residents

The opportunities available to volunteers at Overlake are unlike those found in other health care facilities. Volunteers provide support in a variety of settings and are often the first and last contact for our patients and their families. Some of the areas supported include:

- Main Lobby Information Desk
- Patient bedside
- Gift Gallery
- Healing Arts
- Non-clinical departments

Minimum Commitment

Various

Address

1035 116th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

Website

www.overlakehospital.org/volunteer

Volunteer Coordinator

Brenda L. Epstein, Resource Specialist/Patient Experience, Brenda.Epstein@overlakehospital.org, 425-688-5103
SEATTLE CHILDREN’S BELLEVUE CLINIC AND SURGERY CENTER (DIRECT PATIENT CONTACT)

WHO WE ARE

Seattle Children’s Bellevue Clinic and Surgery Center opened in July, 2010. It serves families in east King County. The center offers services in more than 30 pediatric specialties and urgent care – provided by the same doctors and nurses who care for children and teens at our hospital in Seattle.

When it comes to treating children and teens, our pediatric surgeons and anesthesiologists have more experience than anyone else in the region. And our new state-of-the-art Surgery Center is designed just for children and teens who need an outpatient surgical procedure.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Below are some of the opportunities for volunteering that we offer at Seattle Children’s Bellevue Clinic and Surgery Center. In addition, we also offer volunteering opportunities in the Outpatient Pharmacy, Urgent Care Clinic, Landscaping/Grounds department, Behavioral Medicine Services.

Direct Patient Contact Child Life Department:

Clinic Playroom Minimum Age: 18
Mature, enthusiastic, caring and reliable volunteers are needed to provide fun, purposeful activities for siblings and patients while waiting for surgical procedures or clinic appointments. Volunteers help maintain toys and play supplies in the playroom, checking for safety and cleaning on a regular basis. Shifts (Minimum of 3 hours, once a week) Weekdays only: 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Bellevue Outpatient Surgery Center Minimum Age: 18
Volunteers provide a communication link between the clinical team in the outpatient surgery center and the parents/caregivers by providing "next steps" instructions post induction. Duties may include providing comfort measures and transporting patients and families at the time of discharge. Volunteers are essential to the outpatient surgery center and are viewed as an integral part of the care team. This position provides much interaction with patients and families during the outpatient surgical experience. Shifts (Minimum of 3 hours, once a week) Weekdays only: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bellevue Outpatient Surgery Center – Recovery Room Minimum Age: 18
Recovery volunteers interact with patients and their families to provide comfort, developmentally appropriate play, and non-
health

medical support, which helps to minimize the impact of surgical intervention. They also assist the medical staff with appropriate tasks. The volunteer’s objective is to help provide support, but to also gain from this experience, some knowledge and insight into the medical field, more specifically and post-operative care. Shifts (Minimum of 3 hours, once a week) Weekdays only: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT

Minimum commitment expectations are: 60 hours for volunteers between the ages of 16-18. 100 hours for volunteers 18 and over

ADDRESS

Seattle Children’s Bellevue Clinic and Surgery Center
1500 116th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

WEBSITE

www.seattlechildrens.org/ways-to-help/volunteer/opportunities-bellevue-south-clinic/

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Patty Hovik, Administrative Services Manager, Volunteer Program Manager, Bellevuevolunteerservices@seattlechildrens.org

SEATTLE CHILDREN’S BELLEVUE CLINIC AND SURGERY CENTER
(LIMITED PATIENT CONTACT)

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Limited or non–patient contact

Clerical and office support Minimum Age: 16
Assist the staff with clerical and office duties in clinical and administrative departments throughout the site. Opportunities are open to volunteers who would like to gain office experience and learn new skills and management tools currently being used
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in a hospital environment. Duties may include data collection, filing and collating, answering phones, using office machines and word processing. Shifts (Minimum of 3 hours, once a week) Weekdays, evenings and weekend shifts are available.

Entrance guides Minimum Age: 16
Volunteers will help welcome and assist all patients, families, staff and visitors in order to identify needs, provide appropriate age-related customer service and facilitate wayfinding, deliveries and entrance security. Shifts (Minimum of 3 hours, once a week) Weekdays, evenings and weekend shifts are available.

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100 hours for volunteers 18 and over

ADDRESS Seattle Children’s Bellevue Clinic and Surgery Center
1500 116th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

WEBSITE www.seattlechildrens.org/ways-to-help/volunteer/opportunities-bellevue-south-clinic/

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR Patty Hovik, Administrative Services Manager, Volunteer Program Manager, Bellevuevolunteerservices@seattlechildrens.org
Serving the Underserved
ASIAN COUNSELING AND REFERRAL SERVICE (ACRS)

WHO WE ARE
Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS) empowers Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and other underserved communities by providing a variety of supportive programs in over 40 different languages. The organization’s programs such as Behavioral Health Program, Aging & Adults Services Program, The Children, Youth & Family Services, Employment & Training Services, Citizenship & Immigration Assistance and Recovery Service seek to improve clients’ self-sufficient livings in the United States.

OUR HISTORY
ACRS was established in 1973, and started with grassroots effort. The organization was established to respond to hardships that Asian Americans and Pacific islanders experienced with their cultural and language differences.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Volunteer opportunities are being updated and well listed in the ACRS website. The organization wants to find Food Bank Helpers, ESL Teaching Assistant, Citizenship and New Americans Program Aide, Volunteer Program Data Specialist, and Anniversary Gala Day of Event helpers.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
Minimum commitment can differ from each position.

ADDRESS
3639 Martin Luther King Way S. Seattle, WA 98144

WEBSITE
www.acrs.org

Volunteer Coordinator
John Malcomson, volunteer@acrs.org, 206-695-7637
CONGREGATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

WHO WE ARE
As the only full-service shelter resource for men experiencing homelessness on the Eastside, CFH helps men make the successful transition from homelessness to independent, stable housing. To that end, CFH programs work to address all the issues – physical, mental, and environmental – that lead to temporary or chronic homelessness.

OUR HISTORY
CFH was founded in 1993 by a group of local citizen concerned with the growing number of homeless on the Eastside. Through collaborative partnership with the County, local cities, congregations, foundations and individuals, CFH has expanded to meet the demands with the highest success rates in the region.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
CFH has an ongoing need for meal donors within our shelter programs - this need is greatest during the winter months; each night approximately 130 men are provided a meal. Individuals, and small groups, prepare and serve meals in addition to visiting and eating with the men. Additionally, there is an ongoing need for supply drives and shelter support, as well as mentoring opportunities with the men we serve.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
One meal, one evening, one supply drive - however much you can share of your time and talents is appreciated! 4-10hrs per week. No more than group of 10. Serve meals 365 days a year.

ADDRESS
2650 148th Avenue SE #202, Bellevue, WA 98007

WEBSITE
www.cfhomeless.org/volunteer-opportunities/

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Sarah Bustad, volunteer@cfhomeless.org, 425-289-4044
**EMERGENCY FEEDING PROGRAM**

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<th>Emergency Feeding Program aims to alleviate hunger. There are 1 million people in Washington at risk of going hungry tonight. EFP works with partner agencies to make nutritious food available WHEN and WHERE people need it. They are a distribution center that can provide 1-2 days of food. Not a food bank.</th>
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<td>OUR HISTORY</td>
<td>The Emergency Feeding Program began in 1977 as a partnership between the Black United Clergy for Action and the Church Council of Greater Seattle. Their goal was to create a food assistance network that would provide high quality food to all parts of King County.</td>
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<td>VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES</td>
<td>emergency food bag packing, food drives, food sorting</td>
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<td>MINIMUM COMMITMENT</td>
<td>1-2 hrs (Max. 15-18 per group) 2hrs (9-11am) on Sat. and morning on M-F</td>
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<td>ADDRESS</td>
<td>851 Houser Way N, Renton, WA 98057 (St. Andrew Church in Bellevue is one of their pick up center)</td>
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<tr>
<td>WEBSITE</td>
<td><a href="http://www.emergencyfeeding.org/">www.emergencyfeeding.org/</a></td>
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<td>VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR</td>
<td>Belynda Dunbar, <a href="mailto:info@emergencyfeeding.org">info@emergencyfeeding.org</a>, 206-329-0300</td>
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ESCAPE TO PEACE

**WHO WE ARE**
We are a drop-in center. We support at risk youth and young adults escaping sex trafficking. We are open daily Monday thru Friday, providing a safe place, food, rest, resources, job support, legal support, and basic needs. We also provide Trauma Therapy and shelter and housing referrals.

**OUR HISTORY**
Carol Loya, a local resident and owner of Truce Spa, founded Escape to Peace after she witnessed the horrors of the sex trade during a 2012 mission to Pattaya, Thailand. Realizing the sex trade was in her own backyard in King County, Carol made and sold soy candles at TRUCE Spa to raise awareness. She packaged the candles in a way that told the story of a 12-year-old victim right here in Seattle.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**
Currently we have a need for someone to help clean carpets, donors for food and meal prep, outreach, marketing, assistance with candle making, raising community awareness, CSEC, and administrative duties.

**ADDRESS**
11100 Main Street #100, Bellevue, WA 98004

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**
Elaine Adams, Elaine@escapetopeace.org, 425-449-8917
| WHO WE ARE | The City of Bellevue Parks & Community Services provides a variety of programs, activities and services. We are committed to working with people with disabilities, their families and caregivers to help ensure that they have access to services. We provide information about program opportunities and when needed, modifications that make it possible for participants to access and participate in programs of their choice. |
| OUR HISTORY | The City of Bellevue began providing adapted recreation activities for individuals with disabilities in the early 1970’s with evening programs for adults with developmental disabilities. We now offer a wide variety of programs Monday – Saturday throughout the parks department with the majority of programs being held at Highland Center. |
| VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES | Recreation Assistants for a variety of programs. Volunteers support staff to facilitate the adaptive recreation programs. We offer sports, cooking, art, fitness, social clubs and much more. |
| ADDRESS | 14224 Bel-Red Rd, Bellevue WA 98007 |
| VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR | Mary Boyle, Mboyle@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4118 or 425-452-7686 |
**HOPELINK**

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<td>The agency has five multi-purpose service centers, and five housing sites throughout north and east King County. The service centers are equipped with food banks, and a staff of specialists offering various support programs, such as family development, adult education, employment training, home heating assistance and more.</td>
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<td>VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES</td>
<td>General Food Bank- Assist before, during, or after food bank hours in one or more of the following: • check clients in and out, receive, sort, and stock food donations,</td>
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<td>MINIMUM COMMITMENT</td>
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<td>ADDRESS</td>
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<td>WEBSITE</td>
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<td>VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR</td>
<td>Liz, <a href="mailto:ewaesche@hope-link.org">ewaesche@hope-link.org</a>, 425-897-3721</td>
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Serving the Underserved

INTERFAITH TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS

WHO WE ARE

The Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness (ITFH) is composed of individuals representing religious congregations, religious organizations, and secular organizations which work toward preventing and ending homelessness. The unifying force for all ITFH members is that we approach homelessness from a religious perspective. Our membership spans much of the religious community, including Christian, Unitarian, Jewish, and Muslim. We reach out to all sectors of the faith community to join us in action and to support us morally and financially.

OUR HISTORY

The formation of the ITFH grew out of a major conference on homelessness at St. Mark’s Cathedral in April 2001, Creating the Political Will to End Homelessness. The 350 religious and community representatives who attended the conference created a 4-step Action Plan to end homelessness in King County in ten years. Action #1 of the plan envisioned the organization of a Task Force to coordinate the work of the religious community for the sole purpose of achieving the goals stated, using the theme, “Creating the political will to end homelessness in King County.” The ITFH was officially convened in December 2001 under the auspices of St. Mark’s Cathedral. It has been meeting since that time.

ADDRESS

3030 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue WA, 98004

WEBSITE

www.itfhomeless.org

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Bill Kirlin-Hackett, itfh@comcast.net, 425-442-5418
JUBILEE REACH

WHO WE ARE
The mission of the Jubilee REACH is to build trusting relationships, hear the needs of the community, and collaborate with community organizations to then build programs to serve those in need. JR supports the social and emotional needs of children and their families. JR offers mentoring, tutoring, and over 20 after-school clubs and sports within Bellevue public schools.

OUR HISTORY
The Jubilee REACH was established in August 2006 to assist underserved families on the Eastside - specifically the Lake Hills area of Bellevue. First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue provided seed money for the Jubilee REACH. The JR is also supported by many area organizations and individuals.

ADDRESS
14200 SE 13th Place, Bellevue, WA 98007

WEBSITE
www.jubileereach.org/volunteer

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Brendan Cole, BrendanC@JubileeREACH.org, 425-746-0506

THE SALVATION ARMY - EASTSIDE CORPS AND COMMUNITY CENTER

WHO WE ARE
The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. The Salvation Army Eastside Corps serves over 300,000 people on The Eastside Community.

OUR HISTORY
The Salvation Army was founded in London's East End in 1865 by one-time Methodist Reform Church minister William Booth and his wife Catherine. Originally, Booth named the organization the East London Christian Mission. The name The Salvation Army developed from an incident on 19 and 20 May.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
The Salvation Army has opportunities with its hot meal program - this consists of one hour (M-F); serving food, building relationships with clients, and cleaning tables.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
During the Christmas season there are many opportunities - this consists of volunteer bell ringers (As many hours as you would like and able), as well as volunteers for our toy warehouse (3-4 hours M-F; fills up quickly).

ADDRESS
911 164th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA, 98008

WEBSITE
www.bellevue.salvationarmynw.org

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Kris Burkett, Kristine.Burkett@usw.salvationarmy.com, 425-452-7300 ext. 772
THE SOPHIA WAY

WHO WE ARE
The mission of The Sophia Way is to help end homelessness for single adult women in East King County, by providing shelter, life skills training, social services and supportive permanent housing, offering a pathway from homelessness to a home of their own. Currently, we are the only staffed overnight shelter for single adult women on the Eastside.

OUR HISTORY
The Sophia Way was designed to meet the needs of clients of the YWCA Angeline’s Day Center, as well as any single, homeless women in East King County. This effective, 10-bed overnight shelter doubles as an educational program, giving women the tools they need to reclaim a sustainable, independent life. Through life skills classes given by community speakers, case management, and staff support, each woman is encouraged on her journey to live in an apartment of her own. The Sophia Way provides a subsidized apartment to women for two years, with continuing case management. With the encouragement and support of the Eastside Homelessness Advisory Council, and the expertise and mentorship of our partner, Congregations for the Homeless, the Sophia Way has now served hundreds of women with support services, and over 70 women in the shelter program, with 45 women currently living in subsidized apartments.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Cook and serve meals to approx. 40 women & children each day on St. Luke’s Lutheran Church. Need 1.5hrs of training to serve food. They have a few different options for meals. If you would like to donate a meal, you simply need to sign up for the day/time that you would like to provide it. You can do that by emailing meals@sophiaway.org

ADDRESS
11061 NE 2nd St #223, Bellevue, WA 98004 (office) 3032
Bellevue Way NE (Shelter)

WEBSITE
www.sophiaway.org/volunteer/

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Tara Noyes, volunteer@sophiaway.org, 425-463-6285, ext. 104
Youth and Education
BACKPACK MEALS FOR KIDS

WHO WE ARE
All-volunteer organization provides weekend meals -- breakfast, lunch and dinner on a weekly basis -- for Bellevue students whose families are unable to provide adequate nutrition. Backpack Meals coordinates closely with school district counselors to ensure that children don’t start the week hungry.

OUR HISTORY
Currently, more than 250 homeless children attend Bellevue Schools. In these and other families, children may receive free and reduced price lunches during the week but they have limited access to food on the weekend. Now in its fifth year, Backpack Meals addresses the problem of weekend hunger.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Administrative tasks, food packing, weekly delivery to schools, promotion and fund-raising, board service.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
One year

ADDRESS
Mailing: 6947 Coal Creek Parkway SE, #120, Newcastle 98059

WEBSITE
www.backpackmeals.org

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Maggie Rader, radermag@comcast.net, 425-246-2484
# BELLEVUE LIFESPRING

## WHO WE ARE

Bellevue LifeSpring’s mission is to foster stability and self-sufficiency for Bellevue's children and their families through programs that feed, clothe and educate. We believe education is the pathway out of poverty. By providing for children's basic needs, we allow them to focus on education and break the cycle of poverty.

## OUR HISTORY

We have been serving children in need in the Bellevue area since 1911. For over 100 years, we have been devoted to creating brighter futures for Bellevue families living in poverty through our programs that feed, clothe, educate and provide emergency assistance.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are opportunities to get involved with Bellevue LifeSpring throughout the year. Our Breaktime-Mealtime program utilizes volunteers to pack boxes of food on an assembly line prior to winter, mid-winter and spring breaks. Our Thrift Shop in Bellevue Square is staffed by volunteers and 100% of proceeds go to support our programs and services. We also have volunteer opportunities at our two major fundraising events each year, the Step Up to the Plate Benefit Luncheon in March and Uncork the Night: A Celebration of Wine and Giving in October. The Holiday Adopt-A-Family program provides additional volunteer opportunities, setting up and assisting with distribution of food and gifts for Christmas to families in need. Additionally, there are ongoing opportunities for general staff and office support all year long.

## MINIMUM COMMITMENT

No minimum commitment.

## ADDRESS

PO Box 53203, Bellevue, WA 98015

## WEBSITE


## VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Rae Macker, rae@bellevuelifespring.org, 425-451-1175 ext. 104
BELLEVUE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

WHO WE ARE
With donor and volunteer support, we develop, promote, and fund the best possible learning opportunities for students in Bellevue’s public schools. Programs we support include computer science, early learning, STEM, music and arts enrichment, social emotional learning, and much more.

OUR HISTORY
Bellevue Schools Foundation was launched in 1979 to bridge the funding gap created by levy laws that affected the district’s ability to raise funds. More than 30 years later, community support remains crucial to the goal of ensuring every Bellevue child has access to a high-quality education.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Event help, office assistance, volunteering in schools as mentors, tutors, or college and career coaches.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
varies—can be one-time, project-based, or ongoing

ADDRESS
12241 Main Street, Building 5, Bellevue, WA 98005

WEBSITE
www.bellevueschoolsfoundation.org

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
info@bsfdn.org, 425-456-4199

BELLEVUE YMCA

WHO WE ARE
At the Y, strengthening community is our cause. We work side-by-side with our neighbors throughout King and south Snohomish counties to help kids and families thrive and apply their positive behaviors and goals at home, school, the workplace and beyond.

OUR HISTORY
The Bellevue YMCA has been located on Bel-Red Road in Bellevue for 48 years. We serve Redmond, Kirkland & Bellevue.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Depends on time of year: working with children, welcoming members to the Y, cleaning equipment, supporting events like Healthy Kids Day and Information Fairs.

ADDRESS
14230 Bel-Red Road, Bellevue, WA 98007

WEBSITE
www.seattleymca.org/Locations/Bellevue/pages/Home.aspx

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Kalika Curry, kcurry@seattleymca.org, 425-746-9900
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF PUGET SOUND

WHO WE ARE

Our mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1-to-1 relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. Big Brothers and Big Sisters makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult “Bigs” and children “Littles”, ages 6 through 18, in communities across the country.

Community-Based Mentoring
This program of 1-to-1 mentoring takes place in the communities that the mentor and child live in. The mentor and Little get together several times a month.

School-Based Mentoring
Mentors meet one hour each week with their Little during the school year at their Little's elementary school, after school hours. This is not a tutoring program, rather the focus is on social/emotional activities. We currently have a school-based mentoring program at Stevenson Elementary in Bellevue.

Beyond School Walls
A workplace mentoring program, where the children join their mentors at their office or place of work, twice a month, to discuss topics that aid children with building life and leadership skills, while having fun and building a friendship.

MentorU
A mentoring program partnered with a local high school, where the high school students communicate with their mentors through an online portal as well as meet up once a month at their high school. The mission of MentorU is to help high school students develop personal, academic and career skills to be ready for college and/or the workforce. We will launch our 2nd MentorU program at Interlake High School (Bellevue) in the Fall of 2017.

OUR HISTORY

For more than 100 years nationally, and 60 locally, BBBSPS has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. Our program model has adapted over the years but we've maintained our focus on researched-based outcomes for our youth and child safety as our top priority.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Be a “Big” or help us recruit other mentors.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT

4 hours per month

ADDRESS

1600 S. Graham Street Seattle, WA 98108

WEBSITE

www.InspireBIG.org

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

info@bbbsps.org, 206-763-9060
Youth and education

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BELLEVUE

WHO WE ARE
To inspire and enable all youth to become productive caring citizens.

OUR HISTORY
Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue was founded in 1952. Since its inception the Club has provided the young people of our community with something they need and want most: a safe environment where adults respect and listen to them; a place where they can have fun.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Days of Caring and Coaching Sports

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
1 Day for Days of Caring. One season for sports (1-2 days a week)

ADDRESS
209 100th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

WEBSITE
www.bgcbellevue.org/

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Alex Slone, aslone@bgcbellevue.org, 425-454-6162

EASTSIDE PATHWAYS

WHO WE ARE
Eastside Pathways is transforming the way the community works to positively impact the lives of children and youth on the Eastside. Our mission is to mobilize our entire community to utilize our diverse strengths and skills to shape systems that best support every child, step by step, from cradle to career. Our goal is to give every child and youth the opportunities they need to fulfill their potential and be happy, healthy, and successful.

OUR HISTORY
Eastside Pathways is headquartered in Bellevue, WA and was founded in 2011. We use a Collective Impact model that has been developed by the StriveTogether Network to mobilize the community to support every child, step-by-step, from cradle to career. Eastside Pathways consists of a backbone organization and a partnership of many organizations and individuals.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
IT, graphic design, salesforce, sharepoint, wordpress, human resources, work group facilitators and translation (primarily spanish).

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
1 year

ADDRESS
PO Box 913, Bellevue, WA 98009

WEBSITE
www.eastsidepathways.org/

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Sujata Agrawal, info@eastsidepathways.org, 415-812-3364
FAMILIES FOR EFFECTIVE AUTISM TREATMENT (FEAT) OF WASHINGTON

| WHO WE ARE                                                                 | Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT) provides families with hope and guidance to help their children with autism reach their full potential. We provide support, give guidance and resources to families and professionals in the community. FEAT strives to reach families at pivotal transition times and be the first point of contact in order to guide them through the transitions. |
| VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES                                                  | Events (seasonal), Development and Marketing, High School Peer Mentors |
| MINIMUM COMMITMENT                                                       | 3 months (except events) |
| ADDRESS                                                                  | 14434 NE 8th Street, Suite 300 Bellevue, WA 98007 |
| WEBSITE                                                                  | www.featwa.org/ |
| VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:                                                  | Mary Carlton, info@featwa.org, 425-223-5126 |
KIDSQUEST CHILDREN’S MUSEUM

WHO WE ARE

KidsQuest creates learning through the power of play and exploration connecting children to their communities and the world. We are a hands-on, interactive museum designed to engage families and kids from birth to age ten. Our exhibits integrate science, technology, engineering, art and math for whole-body, whole-brain learning.

OUR HISTORY

KidsQuest had been a staple of Factoria for 10 years. Our tight-knit staff and diverse volunteers have opened doors to hundreds of thousands of visitors, and now we are taking our next step. Our new, bigger location is now open in downtown Bellevue.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Special Event Volunteering: BAM ArtsFair; Super Science Night, Art-tastic, Gingerbread Workshop, Egg-tastic, Spooktacular

Regular Volunteering : Kid Kit Volunteers; Exhibit Upkeep; Weekend Museum Greeters, Program Assistants, Parent Education Workshop Childcare, Parents’ Night Out Childcare, Play with Paint and/or Play with Clay Assistant, Quest and Create Club Assistant, Weekend Playshop Assistant, Membership Input Assistant, Museum Store Help

MINIMUM COMMITMENT

3 month commitment for Regular Volunteers

ADDRESS

1116 NE 108th Ave, Bellevue, WA 98004

WEBSITE

www.kidsquestmuseum.org/

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Daniela Garvue, daniela@kidsquestmuseum.org, 425-637-8100

AJ Curde, aj@kidsquestmuseum.org, 425-637-8100
KINDERING CENTER - BELLEVUE

WHO WE ARE

Kindering is the most comprehensive neurodevelopmental center in the Northwest and recognized worldwide for its leadership bringing early intervention research to practice. Our mission is to embrace children of diverse abilities and their families by providing the finest education and therapies to nurture hope, courage, and the skills to soar.

OUR HISTORY

Kindering was founded in 1962 by five Bellevue-area mothers of children with disabilities. Initially known as the Eastside Preschool for the Special Child, within a few years the preschool was incorporated, gained public funding, and parent volunteers were gradually replaced by paid professionals. In 1993, the organization changed its name to Kindering, a word coined to reflect the kindness, kinship, and superior child development services families would receive. Since then the agency has continued to grow to meet the needs of the community, including contracting with local school districts to provide special education services and adding programming that includes outreach to homeless families, an early literacy program for immigrant/refugee families, and specialized support for infants and children in foster care.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

General Administrative Support (mailing, data entry, filing, photocopying, and scanning)

General Program Support (cleaning and sanitizing, prepping art projects, prepping therapy materials, etc.)

Special Event/Fundraising Support (pre-event decor/supply prep, event setup/cleanup, guest check-in, post-event mailings, etc.)

Working with Children: Classroom Support (experience is required, opportunities are limited, and consistent availability would be needed.)

Management Support (data analysis, marketing, research, IT support)

Building Maintenance (landscaping, painting, cleaning, yard work, etc.)

ADDRESS
16120 NE 8th St, Bellevue, WA 98008

WEBSITE
www.kindering.org/getinvolved/volunteeropportunities/

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Louis Mendoza, louis.mendoza@kindering.org, 425-653-4286
VIBES MENTOR TUTOR PROGRAM / BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHO WE ARE
VIBES is an in-school mentoring and tutoring program. All volunteers work directly with students. Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of one hour per week for the duration of the school year. VIBES application and orientation required.

OUR HISTORY
The VIBES Mentor Tutor Program is in its 26th year. An average of 600 community volunteers are placed each year, at all grades levels, across all BSD schools. K-5 Summer School draws an average of another 100 volunteers each year, mostly high school students seeking community service hours.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Mentors/tutors can work with students 1on1, in small groups, or support whole classrooms. Choose a grade level and subject area/focus that matches your passion – literacy, math, science, languages, robotics, AVID, College Corps, English Language Learners (ELL), Special Needs classrooms, and more. For more details about ways to support Bellevue Students see our Website www.bsd405.org/vibes.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
One hour per week for the duration of the school year.

ADDRESS
Varies depending on school assigned.

WEBSITE
wwwbsd405.org/vibes

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
MaryEllen Zemlin, zemlinm@bsd405.org or Sue Hanlon, hanlons@bsd405.org, 425-456-4154
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
(CHILDREN’S ADMINISTRATION)

WHO WE ARE

Children’s Administration is a public child welfare agency for the state of Washington. The mission of Children’s Administration is to transform lives by acting to protect children and promote healthier families through strong partnerships with the community, providers, and tribes.

The staff works with children and families to identify their needs and develop a plan for services that support families and assure the safety and well-being of children.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Office Mom and Dad Program - On call volunteer program. When children are removed from their home, often times they are waiting at a local DSHS office until placement is found. As an Office Mom and Dad volunteer, you will be able to provide comfort to the children while the social worker obtains placement for the children.

Office Volunteer - Assist the department with different projects and events (projects change based on office needs). Current project is organizing and assisting with the upkeep of the care closet. The care closet holds several items for kids who come into care such as diapers, clothing, and shoes. This closet is in need of being organized and keeping updated with ensure the closet is fully stocked.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT

For the Office Mom and Dad program we just ask for a 2-hour commitment when watching the children. However, based on your schedule you can leave earlier or stay longer until placement is obtained.

For the Care Closet Volunteer - hours and times are very flexible. The opportunity is based on your schedule.

ADDRESS

805 156th Ave NE Bellevue, WA 98007

WEBSITE

https://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Shawntae Stevenson, Stevesh@dshs.wa.gov, 425-590-3063
YOUTH EASTSIDE SERVICES

WHO WE ARE
Youth Eastside Services is a lifeline for kids and families coping with challenges such as emotional distress, substance abuse and violence. Through intervention, outreach and prevention, YES builds confidence and responsibility, strengthens family relationships, and advocates for a safer community that cares for its youth.

OUR HISTORY
Since 1968, YES has helped young people and their families deal with emotional issues, drug and alcohol abuse, sexual abuse, dating violence, gang activity and bullying. Each year, we help tens of thousands of kids and family members discover the inner strength to overcome emotional problems and painful crises as they learn to make the right decisions that lead them toward happy, healthy lives.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Various, Success Mentor

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
Variable, Success Mentors commit to 1 year

ADDRESS
999 164th Ave NE Bellevue, WA 98008

WEBSITE
www.youtheastsideservices.org/

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Lindseyp@youtheastsideservices.org, 425-586-2318

YOUTH LINK

WHO WE ARE
Youth Leadership Program for middle and high school students in public, private and home schools, providing hands on experience with civic engagement and work directly with public and elected officials.

OUR HISTORY
Created in 1990 by the City of Bellevue and Bellevue School District, Youth Link has implemented over 100 projects for the Bellevue Community and serves as the "youth voice" to advise City and School District on policies and issues that impact children, youth and teens.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Bellevue Youth Council; Youth Link Board; Youth Link Action Committees

ADDRESS
Youth Link Program City of Bellevue
450 110th Ave NE Bellevue, WA 98004

WEBSITE
www.youthlink.com/

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Patrick Alina, palina@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-5254
## 91.3 KBCS

### WHO WE ARE
91.3 KBCS is a public radio station licensed to Bellevue College as a community service. KBCS connects minds and hearts to the diversity of music and ideas.

### OUR HISTORY
KBCS began broadcasting in 1973. Originally as student club, KBCS has grown into a significant radio service in the Puget Sound.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
KBCS produces regular fund raising events in the form of on the air fund drives, and other community engagement activities.

### MINIMUM COMMITMENT
The annual KBCS Fund Drive takes place in the Fall. To register as a fund drive volunteer, go online here: www.shiftboard.com/kbcs/

### ADDRESS
Bellevue College, 3000 Landerholm Circle SE, Bellevue 98007

### WEBSITE
www.kbcs.fm

## AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY’S DISCOVERY SHOP

### WHO WE ARE
We are an upscale resale shop operated by volunteers. All monies earned by the shop go to the American Cancer Society (outside of rent and utilities). We ask for a commitment of four hours of service per week done on a regular basis. We are open seven days a week and volunteers working a weekend shift are able to work out a schedule suitable to both their schedules and the shops.

While we have a Redmond address the shop is located on the corner of 148th and 24th Avenue.

### OUR HISTORY
We have been in our present location for over twenty years. Prior to that we had a shop located in Kirkland. One of the founding members is still active at the shop.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
We offer opportunities in all fields. Sorting, steaming, pricing, cash register assistance and shop design.

### ADDRESS
14840 NE 24th, Redmond WA 98052

### VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Karen Moore, Doug.moore@att.net, 425-641-4862
Shop: 425-869-7523
BELLEVUE NEIGHBORHOOD MEDIATION PROGRAM

WHO WE ARE

The Bellevue Neighborhood Mediation Program operates under the broader department of Planning and Community Development. The program began in 2006 with our mission to help the citizens of Bellevue resolve neighborhood conflicts themselves through collaborative approaches such as mediation, facilitation and conciliation that lead to mutually agreeable solutions. The issues include: trees, fences, interpersonal issues, views, parking, barking dogs and so on. Another service is our parent teen mediation program, helping parents and teens sort through problems, identify issues, communicate more constructively and set goals. We also provide foreclosure mediations between borrowers and beneficiaries; we provide trainings to the community in conflict management, communication skills and difficult conversations; we provide facilitations to small and large groups on a variety of disputes. A newer venture is working with business startups to help them manage conflict.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The program is staffed primarily by local volunteers who have been trained in conciliation, mediation and facilitation. This strengthens the quality of neighborhoods in their problem solving capacity.

We provide annual trainings which begin with: (1) A 20 hour conciliation training followed by a commitment to volunteer on a weekly 3 hour shift for six months to one year. (2) A 40 hour basic mediation training after which the volunteer may enter a practicum of observing and co mediating mediations. All trainees are required to meet certain qualifications in order to enter each phase of the volunteer program.

There are no special or short term projects. There are no weekend or evening volunteer opportunities.

Preferable Skills: Excellent writing and communication skills; ability to multi task; computer skills; detail oriented; people skills both on the phone and in person.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT

20 hour conciliation training followed by a commitment to volunteer on a weekly 3 hour shift for six months to one year.

ADDRESS

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

WEBSITE

www.belleveuwa.gov/mediation.htm

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Cheryl Cohen, Co Manager, ccohen@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-5222
## BELLEVUE FIRE DEPARTMENT’S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

### WHO WE ARE
The Bellevue Fire Department assists the public in the protection of life and property by minimizing the impact of fire, medical emergencies and potential disasters or uncontrolled events. The Office of Emergency Management offers training and information to help residents and businesses prepare for all hazards affecting Bellevue and region.

### OUR HISTORY
The Office of Emergency Management is a division of the Fire Department with our longest running volunteer group, Bellevue Communications Support, running for over 25 years. Our Citizen Corps Council and Community Emergency Response Team were developed in 2013 and are steadily increasing in numbers and organization.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
- Bellevue Communications Support
- Citizen Corps Council Neighborhood representative
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member

### ADDRESS
Bellevue City Hall 450 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

### VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Sophia Lopez, slopez@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4161
EASTSIDE HERITAGE CENTER

WHO WE ARE

The Eastside Heritage Center is committed to preserving the past as it builds community and connects people with their heritage. In addition to maintaining and preserving the largest collection of artifacts, photos and archival material related to East King County, Washington, the Eastside Heritage Center focuses on sharing this collection with the community through exhibits, books, presentations and a wide variety of education programs.

OUR HISTORY

The Eastside Heritage Center is a private, nonprofit organization with a stated mission to steward Eastside history by actively collecting, preserving, and interpreting documents and artifacts and by promoting public involvement in and appreciation of this heritage through educational programming and community outreach.

The Eastside Heritage Center was established in 2001 through the merger of the Bellevue Historical Society, in Bellevue, and the Marymoor Museum of Eastside History, in Redmond. Due to King County budget shortfalls, the Marymoor Museum was asked to leave its home of 35 years, the Clise Mansion at Marymoor Park. The Museum closed its doors in December, 2002.

We currently have offices in two separate historic houses, the McDowell House and the Winters House, both located in Bellevue, Washington. Our vision is to have a destination heritage museum and research facility, where we can display the collection and serve the public. In the meantime, we continue to provide educational services, public programs and temporary exhibits throughout eastside communities, and we are striving to build our institution into an indispensable community asset.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Eastside Heritage Center has volunteer opportunities available in the following areas:

Public Events, marketing and communications
Oral History interviewers and transcribers
Educational Programs
Data entry (related to collections, programs and membership) – knowledge of Past Perfect and Microsoft Office programs a plus (limited number of positions)
Collections and exhibits (limited number of positions)
General office administration (limited number of positions)
Committee or board service – more details available upon request
Other

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
Office and Collections Department volunteers must commit to at least 4 hours a week. Regular volunteer shifts must fall between M-F 10-4. Special event and program volunteer schedules vary, with limited evening and weekend opportunities.

ADDRESS
McDowell House, 11660 Main Street, Bellevue, WA 98005

WEBSITE
www.eastsideheritagecenter.org

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
info@EastsideHeritageCenter.org, 425-450-1049
### EASTSIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**WHO WE ARE**
Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency that provides high-quality, no-cost civil legal aid to low-income residents of East King County, Washington. We also provide legal aid to survivors of domestic violence throughout all of King County.

**OUR HISTORY**
ELAP was created by a handful of dedicated individuals in 1989 to address a growing need for free legal services to the low-income residents of East and Northeast King County. Over 250 volunteer attorneys and more than 60 non-attorney volunteers help each year to make this happen.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**
Office Assistant, Clinic Intake Manager

**MINIMUM COMMITMENT**
3-5 hours per week.

**ADDRESS**
Most of our volunteer opportunities are in Bellevue. However, clinics are held in Bellevue, Redmond, Kirkland and Issaquah

**WEBSITE**
www.elap.org/

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**
Aries Almanza, aries@elap.org

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### EASTSIDE TIMEBANK

**WHO WE ARE**
A nonprofit providing exchanges between members such as yard work, transportation and tutoring.

**OUR HISTORY**
Founded in 2010 the Eastside Timebank offers membership in timebanking on the Eastside of King County. We have over 300 members in Redmond, Kirkland, Bellevue, Bothell, Kenmore, Mercer Island and Issaquah.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**
Help with getting the word out about timebanking and recruiting new members to the Eastside Timebank. Also, members of the timebank that volunteer with other public and private nonprofits receive timebank hours for their volunteer service.

**MINIMUM COMMITMENT**
None.

**ADDRESS**
6619 132nd Avenue, NE, PMB #183, Kirkland, WA  98033

**WEBSITE**
eastside.tbanks.org/

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**
Joan Eads, joan@tbanks.org, 206-818-4606
INDIA ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN WASHINGTON (IAWW)

WHO WE ARE
IAWW aims to provide a common identity to the Indian community and facilitate cultural, social and educational opportunities for cultural integration. As well as providing cultural programming we also serve the community through 3 main arms: Youth Program, Seniors Program and Community Program. Through these programs we touch the lives of many in the community.

OUR HISTORY
IAWW has been a nonprofit that has been in existence for over 33 years serving the Asian Indian population within Bellevue and its surrounding areas.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
We are 100% volunteer run and all programming is dependent on the great work our volunteers do. Volunteer opportunities are varied from helping with website design, compiling flyers, helping with set up of our monthly lunch program at Redmond Senior Center or weekly at North Bellevue Community Center. We also need help running conversational English classes, mentoring for our women’s networking group and help with Youth Program projects. Volunteers are needed for our cultural events throughout the year.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
We have such varied programming that any volunteer time commitment is appreciated. IAWW has three main annual events (Republic Day, Independence Day and Diwali) which require extensive planning. We would also appreciate anyone that can help us with designing our webpage. We have plenty of ‘ad hoc’ projects as well as a need for weekly volunteering. Please connect and let us know what you are interested in doing and we connect you to the appropriate program Director.

ADDRESS
Po Box 404, Bellevue, WA 98009-0404

WEBSITE
www.iaww.org

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
president@iaww.org, 425-615-7270
KING COUNTY DEPENDENCY COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (CASA) PROGRAM

WHO WE ARE
A Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is a trained volunteer who represents the best interests of children as they are taken through the legal process of civil dependency cases, for example when CPS removes a child from a parent’s care due to allegations of abuse or neglect. These trained volunteers independently review the facts of the case and make recommendations to the court for services and placement of the child.

OUR HISTORY
The Dependency CASA Program was created in 1976 by King County Superior Court Presiding Judge David W. Soukup, who was concerned over making decisions on cases of abused and neglected children without sufficient information. Judge Soukup conceived the idea of using trained community volunteers to speak for the best interests of these children in court. This program was the first of its kind and has served as a national model for child abuse advocacy.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
The CASA talks with the child, parents, family members, social worker, school personnel, health care providers, foster parents and others who know about the child's situation. In addition, the CASA reviews relevant documentation and prepares periodic reports to the court as to findings and recommendations for the child. The CASA assignment continues until the child is returned home or finds another permanent home. Volunteers are represented in court by program attorneys and assisted by paralegals and social work staff.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
Volunteers must undergo a rigorous application process including fingerprinting and background check and an in-person interview. They must complete four days of mandatory training and 12 hours of ongoing training annually. The program asks for a minimum commitment of 18 months, but most of the cases can last 2-3 years. Monthly commitment varies per individual case, but approximately 10-12 hours a month.

ADDRESS
1401 E. Jefferson Street, Suite 500, Seattle WA 98122

WEBSITE
www.kingcounty.gov/courts/JuvenileCourt/depcasa.aspx

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
BEaCASA@Kingcounty.gov, 206-477-4245
KING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM: BELLEVUE/LAKE HILLS/LIBRARY CONNECTION @ CROSSROADS LIBRARIES

WHO WE ARE
King County Library System employs approximately 1,200 staff members in 49 libraries throughout King County. We welcome volunteer assistance and offer a variety of library volunteer opportunities.

OUR HISTORY
KCLS strives to keep pace with changes in technology, shifting community demographics, and changing patron needs and expectations.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Local Library Volunteer, Study Zone, Talk Time, Tech Tutor, Citizenship

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
Varies by library and type of volunteer.

ADDRESS
Bellevue Library 1111 110th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

WEBSITE
www.kcls.org/faq/volunteer/

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Laurel Steiner, lsteiner@kcls.org, 425-450-1777

NORTH BELLEVUE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

WHO WE ARE
North Bellevue Community Center Advisory Board – Advises on special events, activities and future use of NBCC for the citizens of Bellevue and fund raise for the programs. They meet once a month for two hours and help at monthly special events or fund raisers.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Other opportunities are found through NBCC for volunteering as Ombudsman (activists for individuals that have no one looking out for them), SHIBA volunteers helping people with Medicaid issues, Eastside legal clinic – weekly appointments helping community members at no cost, Red Cross knitters – creating for kids in need post crises.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
The Advisory Board meets once a month for two hours and help at monthly special events or fund raisers. Most of the NBCC volunteer activities are at least monthly for a couple of hours but some could be a few hours per week.

ADDRESS
4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98007

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Daniel Lassiter, dlassiter@bellevuewa.gov or Darrion Spratley, dspratley@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-7681
PFLAG BELLEVUE/EASTSIDE

WHO WE ARE
PFLAG is the nation’s largest family and ally organization. Uniting people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) with family, friends and allies, PFLAG is committed to advancing equality through its mission of support, education and advocacy on behalf of the LGBTQ community.

OUR HISTORY
Founded in 1972 with the simple act of a mother publicly supporting her gay son, PFLAG has grown into a grassroots national organization with 400 chapters and about 200,000 supporters.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Our volunteer opportunities are suitable for a range of interests, passions, skills, and schedules. Areas include technology and infrastructure (support our tools/strategies for delivering information), marketing (public relations, press, and social media), graphic design (for marketing collateral and educational resources), community outreach (assist with information tables, join our speaker’s bureau, and coordinate community events, such as parades, marches, and town halls), fundraising (raise money for our scholarships and other support programs), scholarships (review candidates and select recipients), translators, English to Spanish (translate educational materials and identify useful Spanish-based resources), join our board (help us lead and manage our chapter), participate in our advocacy committee (identify key opportunities to take action).

While most of our volunteer opportunities are project-based and flexible with regard to hours, we also welcome volunteers/participants for short-term activities (such as information tabling events and parades) that have specific times/dates.

ADDRESS
P.O. Box 52863, Bellevue, WA 98015

WEBSITE
WWW.pflagbellevue.org/volunteer/

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
info@bellevue-pflag.org
# SEATTLE HUMANE

## WHO WE ARE

Seattle Humane “promotes the human-animal bond by saving and serving pets in need, regardless of age, ability, circumstance or geography”, according to its mission statement. This organization offers pet adoption, humane education, a Pet Food Bank, and spay/neuter services to low-income pet owners. Seattle Humane is a private non-profit organization.

## OUR HISTORY

Seattle Humane was founded in 1897, to deal with animal issues such as stockyard and slaughterhouses. In 1972, as the city of Seattle and King Country founded their own animal control divisions, Seattle Humane moved to Bellevue, saving and helping pets in need.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

50 different volunteer opportunities including Animal Care Assistants, Run-Dog-Run program volunteers, Veterinary Medical Assistants, Pet Publicists, and Dog Behavior and Socialization program volunteers.

## MINIMUM COMMITMENT

One session of orientation is required to become a volunteer. There are volunteer opportunities that are working weekly, monthly and are flexible on-call shifts.

## ADDRESS

13212 SE Eastgate Way, Bellevue, WA 98005

## WEBSITE

www.seattlehumane.org/

## VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Julie Merritt, volunteers@seattlehumane.org, 425-641-0080
WHEELLAB

WHO WE ARE
WheelLab is a registered 501(c)(3) mobile bike building program that offers a new kind of opportunity for youth to develop their mechanical and social skills through bike builds, camaraderie, and leadership skill development.

OUR HISTORY
Founded by Lance Latimer, WheelLab started as a partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bellevue located at their teen center. The program was developed by Lance because he recognized a need in the community for youth to have a hands-on skill building experience while creating a safe place to develop their social and emotional skills.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Volunteering with classes on Monday and Thursday nights from 4-6 or with special events happening quarterly.

MINIMUM COMMITMENT
6 months for classes or 1 month for special events

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BELLEVUE ESSENTIALS CLASS

YOUR INVITATION TO CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

The Bellevue Essentials program provides an entry point for emerging community leaders. This transformational nine-week program highlights the structures and inner workings of city government in many arenas. Topics include demographics, public process, city planning, economic development, human services, utilities, finance and transportation, public safety and more.

Applications for the 2017 program will be available in May. An Information Meeting will be held at City Hall on June 14, 6-7pm.

Weekly Program classes will be Wednesday evenings from September 27 – November 15.

For more information or to receive an application, contact Julie Ellenhorn at 425-452-5372 or jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov
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