

## A Giving Tree Grows in Bellevue Square

Christmas is in the air at [The Bellevue Collection](#)!

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From festive window displays to holiday carols, it's clear to see that the holidays are here. In the Center Court of Bellevue Square, tags flutter from the branches of their wishing tree, representing the requests of children in need this Christmas.

The Bellevue Collection has hosted a giving tree on behalf of Bellevue LifeSpring since 2009. Last Christmas, patrons helped grant 110 wishes.

This year, you can help even more Christmas dreams come true! Choose an ornament from The Bellevue Collection's wishing tree and, together, we can ensure that every child in Bellevue has something to celebrate this year.

## Small Change Makes A Big Impact!

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We're excited to announce that the Round Up for Education campaign at our Thrift Shop has funded its first college scholarship of 2016!

Coins from the fountain at Bellevue Square and customers who rounded up their change at the Thrift Shop register have raised \$2,000 - enough to provide one college scholarship for the 2017-2018 school year.

Education is the pathway out of poverty. Your small change is making a big impact for students in Bellevue, allowing them to pursue their dreams and achieve self-sufficiency.

Meet our 2016-2017 college scholarship recipients.

## Congratulations, Nicole!

"My family depends mainly on my father's income. He has promised to aid me as much as possible in college while I accomplish my goal of becoming a doctor. **However, the cost of tuition is a heavy burden and I do not wish to be the cause of restless nights and unpaid bills.**

**Your support means the world to me, and to my family."**

Congratulations to Nicole and all of our 2016 Educational Grants recipients on completing their first term of the new school year!

Enjoy your holidays and a well-deserved winter vacation.

## Adopt-A-Box This Holiday Season!

Thank you to 30 courageous volunteers who braved ice and snow to prep 944 boxes at the first Breaktime-Mealtime packing of the school year! Each and every volunteer helps make a BIG impact for Bellevue's children.

Volunteers help keep costs down so we can focus on providing nutritious food to children on the free and reduced-price lunch program during breaks when they lack access to school meals.

It's not too late for you to make an impact for 3,700+ children at risk of hunger this winter break.

**Just \$25 provides a hungry child with a week's worth of nutritious food with a Breaktime-Mealtime box.**

Make your year-end gift: Adopt-A-Box today!

**Help us pack boxes for Mid-Winter break in February!**

Volunteer Signup Available Now

## Upcoming Events

**[DivaLani Toy Drive](#)**

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 | 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
11100 NE 10th St, Suite C, Bellevue 98004  
Donate a new toy and receive 20% off your purchase!  
RSVP: [marta@divalani.style](mailto:marta@divalani.style)

**Holiday Adopt-A-Family™ Distribution**

Tuesday, December 20, 2016 | 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
[First United Methodist Church of Bellevue](#)  
Volunteer signup available [here!](#)

**[New Year's Eve Gala and Concert](#)**

**Presented by the Clemmie Evans Circle**

Saturday, December 31, 2016 | 7:30 p.m.  
[St. Thomas Episcopal Church](#)  
Suggested donation \$25  
Proceeds to benefit Bellevue LifeSpring  
and Outreach@St. Thomas

**Mid-Winter Breaktime-Mealtime™ Packing**

Monday, February 6, 2017 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Bellevue School District Warehouse  
Volunteer signup available [here!](#)

**[Step Up to the Plate Benefit Luncheon](#)**

Thursday, March 30, 2017 | [Meydenbauer Center](#)  
11:00 a.m. - Noon Sip & Shop  
Noon - 1:15 p.m. Main Program  
[Contact us](#) to learn about being a table captain or sponsor!

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