

# GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE:

## Bellevue LifeSpring Membership Circles Make a Collective Impact for Bellevue Kids

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Bellevue LifeSpring's heartbeat is its membership circles. Bellevue LifeSpring membership circles are made up of passionate local community members, including many Points residents, committed to continuing the Bellevue LifeSpring tradition of neighbors helping neighbors.

Membership circles, usually organized based on neighborhoods or shared interests, are a collective form of philanthropy. Circle members participate directly in Bellevue LifeSpring's mission of fostering stability and self-sufficiency for Bellevue children. From hosting fundraisers to volunteering their time, circle members give back in many ways and have been vital ambassadors for Bellevue LifeSpring during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Circle members from the Points neighborhoods have stepped up to invest collectively with their circle members to support Bellevue LifeSpring and children in their community. These passionate members include the Hunts Points Circle, Fairweather Circle, One Circle, and Yarrow Point Circle. Their activities ranged from an annual neighborhood fall fundraiser, to a virtual auction, to collecting funds to purchase much-needed items for families, to a virtual happy hour. These are just a few examples representing the generosity and commitment of all eight Bellevue LifeSpring membership circles.

All of the investments from our circles provided immediate rent and food assistance to children and families experiencing the ripple effects of the COVID-19 crisis.

In addition to financial support, the circles held food and hygiene drives and facilitated regular donations to the Bellevue School District. They collectively helped Bellevue LifeSpring provide over 1,000 families with grocery store and retail gift cards for the holidays and have been a vital resource in connecting with local companies interested in making a difference.

The Bellevue LifeSpring Youth Council, Bellevue LifeSpring's youngest circle, is comprised of local teens who are committed to supporting their peers in need. When COVID-19 hit, they teamed up with classmates to run a food drive, collected coins to raise funds, and hosted a raffle to support our Holiday Adopt-A-Family program.



Bellevue LifeSpring's partnership with the Points community and all of their Bellevue membership circles shows the impact that happens when neighbors rally together to take action. Karin Dashen, a Fairweather Circle member, summed it up perfectly: "We have all been impacted in one way or another by COVID-19. There are so many families in Bellevue that are in desperate need of a hand up. Bellevue LifeSpring is doing all it can to provide basic needs to these families. Fairweather Circle is working hard to keep its commitment of supporting Bellevue LifeSpring in this endeavor. It is our responsibility, as a community, to help each other. We are a TEAM – Together Everyone Achieves More!"

Thank you to all Bellevue LifeSpring circle members and Points residents who are making a difference every day for Bellevue kids. The fight against hunger and homelessness starts in your backyard.

As the fallout from the pandemic continues, so do the needs of local children and their families. Join your Points neighbors and help Bellevue LifeSpring ensure that no child in Bellevue experiences hunger or homelessness through the end of this school year.

**When we give where we live, we all benefit.**

To make a contribution and to learn more about Bellevue LifeSpring circle membership, visit [www.BellevueLifeSpring.org](http://www.BellevueLifeSpring.org) today or email [Info@BellevueLifeSpring.org](mailto:Info@BellevueLifeSpring.org).