

# bellevue LifeSpring

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Food Drive

## GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE – YARROW POINT

**Y**arrow Point, a community of approximately 1,000 residents and 400 homes, has a long-standing tradition of giving back and supporting their local community. The Bellevue LifeSpring Yarrow Point Circle serves as ambassadors to their neighbors to raise awareness about the poverty that exists right here in Bellevue.

Over the years, Yarrow Point Circle members have partnered with the Yarrow Point Town Hall to inspire their community to take action for local children in need. From hosting events that raise funds to facilitating donation drives to collect food, together Town Hall and the Yarrow Point Circle have provided great avenues of giving for the residents of Yarrow Point.

“It’s the culture of our Yarrow Point community to give back. Here, neighbors help neighbors. It’s something that’s been done for years and years, and it’s something that will continue,” shared Yarrow Point Mayor, Dicker Cahill. “Sometimes, your neighbor might not be across the street from you. They might be in your greater community. We are a part of Bellevue, and all Bellevue residents are part of our greater community.”

Yarrow Point’s Town Hall works to support their community’s philanthropic efforts in any way they can. “It’s important for us to look after our neighbors. By looking out for our neighbors, we are creating a stronger community,” shared Mayor Cahill. Over the years, the Town Hall has served as the central gathering place where Yarrow Point Circle members come together and host their events and donation drives.

Recently, Town Hall has served as the drop-off point for food donations, which are being collected for children and families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Yarrow Point Circle members and Bellevue LifeSpring Youth Council members coordinate picking up the donations and delivering them to the Bellevue School District. In addition to food donations, the Yarrow Point Circle members have also been purchasing hygiene items and fresh produce to donate.

Mayor Cahill shared that there have been bags and bags of food donations popping up every week! “Our community members have been really responsive when it comes to helping families in need during this time,” shared Mayor Cahill. “It’s amazing to see all the volunteerism and the high school students who have been getting involved.”

Bellevue LifeSpring Yarrow Point Circle Chairs, Sharon Northrup and Joan Marshall, expressed their gratitude for the unique opportunity to work hand in hand with their Town Hall. Together, they’ve been successful in galvanizing the residents of Yarrow Point to give back. “The mission of our circle really is to spread awareness of the poverty here in Bellevue and work together with our community to do our part in fighting hunger and homelessness,” said Sharon.

For over 40 years, Yarrow Point Circle and the Town Hall have hosted the Yarrow Fest. During this annual event, the Yarrow Point Circle invites the community to come together and learn about the needs of local children. Despite not holding their traditional in-person event last fall, they encouraged community members to come together and invest in Bellevue LifeSpring’s COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund.

The generosity of Points residents is the reason Bellevue LifeSpring has been able to prevent homelessness for over 700 children and provided over 800,000 meals for students in need since this pandemic began.

The continued support from Points community members is needed now more than ever. COVID-19 has been devastating for Bellevue’s low-income children and families. Bellevue LifeSpring has seen food assistance requests increase by 50% and rental assistance requests triple over the past year.

When we give where we live, we all benefit. Learn how you can help prevent hunger and homelessness for Bellevue kids by visiting [www.BellevueLifeSpring.org/Give-Where-You-Live](http://www.BellevueLifeSpring.org/Give-Where-You-Live).



Sharon Northrup Award



Pandemic Members

### Don’t Miss the Chance to Donate to Their Community Food Drive

The Yarrow Point Circle and Town Hall are hosting a community food drive through the end of the school year. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Food donations can be left on the table outside the front door to Town Hall at 4030 95th Ave NE, Yarrow Point, WA 98004. Cash donations can also be made at [www.BellevueLifeSpring.org](http://www.BellevueLifeSpring.org).

### Most needed items include:

- Dried beans and rice
- Tomato sauce
- Pasta
- Canned tomatoes
- Canned corn
- Tuna
- Canned chicken
- Cooking oil
- Cereal
- Shelf-stable milk
- Granola bars
- Canned fruit
- Cup of noodles

