BECOME A CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN WITH BELLEVUE LIFESPRING!

2022 Step Up to the Plate Benefit Luncheon

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Bellevue LifeSpring’s Step Up to the Plate Benefit Luncheon is right around the corner! On Tuesday, May 24th, the luncheon will bring together local neighbors, business leaders, and philanthropists to gather around a bigger purpose of building pathways to success for our community’s most vulnerable children.

These days, we understand that planning events can be anything but certain. But we have our fingers (and toes) crossed that we can gather together and celebrate our support for Bellevue kids. Whether we get the opportunity to dust off our business attire to mingle and connect like the good old days, or simply log in to Zoom in our favorite yoga pants and slippers — either way, we’re excited to see you.

This year we have set a goal to raise $500,000 to ensure no Bellevue child experiences hunger. We invite you, our Points neighbors, to join an unstoppable community of givers and become a Champion for Children!

Champions are generous investors who lead the way and make a commitment of $1,000 or more in advance of the event. We know that when community leaders from the Points neighborhoods demonstrate their deep commitment to supporting Bellevue students, others follow.

The Need by the Numbers

The need is right here in Bellevue. Nearly 4,000 children are currently experiencing food insecurity and are on the Federal Free and Reduced-price Meal Program. Every school in the Bellevue School District has students experiencing food insecurity. Currently, over 300 Bellevue children are experiencing some form of homelessness. These are just the reported numbers — we know there are more.

We are asking for the help of our Point’s neighbors to raise $500,000 by our Step Up to the Plate Benefit Luncheon on May 24th. Achieving this goal will help us surpass a total of providing one million meals to Bellevue kids and their families since the pandemic began. Your Champion investment will be put to work right away to ensure Bellevue students can stay healthy, in school, and on track for graduation. Are you interested in becoming a Champion for Bellevue children and helping us reach our goal? We’d love that!

You can make your Champion investment today by contacting Kris Howard at Kris@BellevueLifeSpring.org or by making your commitment online at www.BellevueLifeSpring.org/donate.

We look forward to honoring your commitment to local children in our event program, our website, and during the event!

Some said sickle cell disease would steal Jude’s joy. Tell that to this glowing girl.

TREATING THE MOST KIDS WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Jude’s pain started at just four days old. Her family was scared and heartbroken, so they went looking for answers—and found Seattle Children’s, together with the Odessa Brown Children’s Clinic. They moved from Nebraska to Seattle for pediatric expert care, and today, Jude is growing into who she wants to be. Find your hope at SeattleChildrens.org/sicklecell