

IN ONE OF THE Wealthiest Cities in America FAMILIES ARE BEING LEFT BEHIND



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Here in Bellevue, one of the top wealthiest cities in the nation, tech and businesses are booming. Yet, despite this growth, one in five Bellevue students is at risk of experiencing hunger or homelessness.

As the cost of living continues to rise in Bellevue, low-income families have become even more vulnerable to experiencing food and housing insecurity. Bellevue LifeSpring aims to support and provide stability to families going through difficult times before it gets to a point where children are missing meals or families are served eviction notices.

How do we provide support to children and families who need help?



With the support of our Points neighbors, we provide grocery store food vouchers to support children and their families in getting the nutrition they need.

With the rising costs of living, Bellevue LifeSpring's food voucher support is more vital than ever. Vouchers help ensure families don't have to make hard choices between buying groceries or paying rent. These vouchers also provide autonomy for families to purchase the food that fits their cultural and dietary needs and preferences.



Thanks to the generosity of our Points neighbors, we provide rental assistance and eviction prevention to help keep families housed and provide the stability needed to get back on their feet.

As housing prices skyrocket, living in Bellevue has become challenging for families to sustain. According to the City of Bellevue's report titled *Affordable Housing: Planning Today for Tomorrow*, from September 2021, 19% of households in Bellevue fall into the very low- and extremely low-income level. Still, only 9% of housing in Bellevue is affordable at that level. The report also shared that 30% of households in Bellevue spend more than 30% of their income on housing, which is considered cost-burdened.

As the cost of living continues to increase, we see more and more families struggling and turning to Bellevue LifeSpring for support. Currently, there are hundreds of reported Bellevue students experiencing homelessness and thousands of students living in low-income households and at risk of experiencing food and housing insecurity.

Bellevue children need your continued support.

The word "homeless" or the idea of a child in need may have you thinking of families living in tents, or it may invoke an image of desperation. While that is the experience of a few children, the reality is that there are countless situations in which Bellevue children in need experience instability and a lack of basic needs.