



**Eastside
Foundation**

2025
Impact Report



Working with you to build a
stronger community together.

Making an impact in our community.



David Bowling
CEO/President

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a 2025 year-in-review of the impact Eastside Foundation was able to have in Bellevue and the greater Eastside community.

Let me start by saying how grateful we are to our donors for providing the support needed to fund our staff and initiatives. We could not exist without you and we appreciate your trust in us to be a partner in strengthening the community.

We achieved momentum with many of our core objectives, particularly around addressing homelessness, even in the face of the economic challenges that all nonprofits encountered.

Let's look at some of the key initiatives we worked on this past year.



Nonprofit Funding Challenges Summit

Eastside Foundation, in partnership with Porchlight and Nourishing Networks, brought together over 50 community leaders representing Eastside municipalities, King County, and Eastside non-profit organizations to discuss how to effectively navigate a landscape marked by changing funding structures, evolving capacity demands, and uncertainty around long-term sustainability of homeless and housing resources in East King County.

Through this gathering, one-on-one conversations, and a survey, we identified the most pressing needs, fostered connections to more effectively serve the community, and crafted a collective funding appeal for nonprofit organizations to successfully fundraise in order to maintain the services.

Bellevue Chamber of Commerce Believe Event

Eastside Foundation partnered with the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce to support the Chamber's 2025 Believe event. This annual event provides an opportunity to highlight local nonprofit organizations and to build connections with business leaders. This year's nonprofit focus was on promoting organizations that are new and/or relatively small.

Eastside Foundation provided support to the nonprofit organizations with an orientation session, a toolkit for success, and individualized counselling to help them share their mission and build relationships with business leaders and elected officials.

Nail Driver Event Sponsorship

Eastside Foundation was a contributing sponsor for the 5th Annual Nail Driver Classic fundraising golf event hosted by GenCap Construction. The event raised money for Habitat for Humanity and Plymouth Housing (permanent supportive housing) in support of their efforts to provide housing and shelter to those in need. Eastside Foundation was proud to be able to give back to the community and to positively impact the lives of others.

Eastside Shelter Community Improvement Plan

Eastside Foundation partnered with the multiple Eastside stakeholders to strengthen the operations of Plymouth Housing permanent supportive housing and Porchlight shelter—the Eastgate Campus—and build stronger relationships with the Eastgate community.

Working with the City of Bellevue, Bellevue Police Department, nonprofit service providers, local businesses, and neighborhood residents, we collectively analyzed the current state of operations, communications, and policies and procedures.

Several areas of improvement were identified that will help people who need shelter and housing services and that will increase trust and communications with Eastside businesses and residents. Many of the recommendations are already being implemented.

Improving Homeless Services Data Management

Eastside Foundation continues to advocate for adoption of a uniform data sharing system that connects organizations working to address homelessness. Such a system will provide real-time comprehensive data and a more efficient and effective system for addressing homelessness.

We held a series of discussions with city staff, elected officials, leadership from King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA), homelessness service providers, businesses, faith organizations, and data specialists to advance this goal.

Agreement was reached on characteristics of an integrated infrastructure:

- Greater ability to connect people experiencing homelessness with the most effective services and shelter specifically for them.
- Real-time tracking of service utilization and bed-availability.
- A community-facing dashboard with key indicators that can inform strategic investment and shape effective program creation.
- Enhanced transparency of data and accountability.
- Data privacy protection.

Built for Zero Initiative for Youth & Young Adults

Eastside Foundation joined with the Shultz Family Foundation, Raikes Foundation, Campion Advocacy Fund, KCRHA (King County Regional Homeless Authority), Community Solutions, and many youth and young adult service providers to advance a Built for Zero pilot project.

Built for Zero is a program and methodology to measurably and equitably end homelessness. The effort includes building an accountable community-wide team, using real-time person-specific data to guide decisions, and making targeted, data-driven housing investments. The focus on youth and young adults supports the broader goal to achieve “functional zero” homelessness where homelessness is rare and brief because communities have the capacity to house anyone who becomes homeless within a month.

The experience gained with the Built for Zero pilot project allows us to provide a model for more permanent programs across all of King County.

Advancing an East King County Plan for Homelessness

Eastside Foundation has led an effort to create a comprehensive plan for addressing homelessness on the Eastside. As part of a larger King County government initiative, this “sub-regional” plan is specific to East King County and also includes a community engagement and implementation strategy.

We conducted an extensive assessment of local and national research into best practices for homelessness programs. We then structured a plan that is tailored to the institutions, organizations, and government agencies on the Eastside. Key aspects of the proposed plan include a focus on a wholistic view of the resources available and an integrated approach.

The plan was reviewed with the leadership of King County Regional Homeless Authority, including our ideas for gathering community feedback. Eastside Foundation has also proposed a formal role in leading the effort to engage the community, update and finalize the plan, and support implementation for East King County.

Homelessness Resource Toolkit

Eastside Foundation developed a toolkit to provide businesses, neighborhood residents, and other organizations with easy access to guidance and resources to effectively interact with individuals in our community that face the challenge of homelessness.

The toolkit includes practical educational material as well as actionable information for community-level engagement. There is a step-by-step list of options to connect people in need with trained outreach teams or service providers. Additionally, online resources include a curated list of shelter, food, health, behavioral health, and crisis services available locally.

The toolkit was developed in consultation with local service providers, government officials, police representatives, and others in our community. The goal is to enable businesses and neighbors who encounter someone in crisis, and for those individual who are in crisis, to quickly get the support that they need.

Expanded Substance Use Disorder Resources

Eastside Foundation has worked with Eastside cities, service providers, and mental health professionals to identify and fill gaps in our services infrastructure. This led us to support the creation of a Lake Washington Institute of Technology (LWTech) Associates Degree of Applied Science in Substance Use Disorder Studies. The program will provide an expanded pipeline of substance use disorder professionals to help fill the need at nonprofit agencies serving those needing addiction supportive services.

We are happy to congratulate LWTech on the formal launch of the program in the fall of 2025! And now that the degree is available, we have connected nonprofit organizations with LWTech to provide internships and subsequent employment opportunities.

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We also want express our gratitude to our 2025 board members for generously volunteering their time and for their insights and community perspectives.

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After taking some time to reflect on our 2025 activities, we will assess our goals and strategies for the coming year. We look forward to partnering with you again to strengthen our community.

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