



**Bethany**  
COMPASSION CENTER

**GO *BIG!***



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*See a hurt and heal it. Find a need and meet it.  
Look for emptiness and fill it. Detect hopelessness and  
change it. Watch for aloneness and comfort it.*

**At BCA**, we believe love is “compassion in action.” Loving others the way Jesus loved requires action. We are compelled as disciples of Jesus Christ to heal hurts, meet needs, mend brokenness, reach out in the love of Jesus Christ, and serve others in tangible ways.

We visit the sick, minister to the poor, give away food, provide shelter, reach out to widows and orphans (James 1:27), and much more through Bethany Compassion Center. Why? Because the love of Jesus compels us to ACT!! We cannot simply say, “Be fed, be clothed, be blessed,”.... and do nothing. We must act and meet needs!

In Matthew 25:35-36, Jesus says, “*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.*” Notice the compelling challenge TO ACT in each example. James says, “Faith without works is useless.” We must put our faith into action. Jesus tells us that others will know we are His disciples by our LOVE (John 13:34-35; see John 15:9-17). Christ tells us that when we reach out in His name to minister to the needs of others, we are, in fact, ministering to Him. Matthew 25:40 says it this way: “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Through Bethany Compassion Center, we are serving Jesus Christ by ministering to the physical and emotional needs of others. And by loving others through tangible expressions of compassion, we can show the love of Jesus and invite people to engage the person of Jesus.

In this booklet, you will find information about the many programs happening through Bethany Compassion Center. These many ministry expressions are meeting the needs of multitudes of people. If you are involved in giving and serving, THANK YOU!!! If not, we invite you to put your life into action by supporting these ministries financially and with your time.

We need your help as we look for more hurts to heal, more needs to meet, and more emptiness to fill... through the LOVE of Jesus!

In His mighty Name,

***Pastor Rob Carlson***

BCA Lead Pastor



In the Gospels, we see Jesus and His disciples feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, reaching the hurting, the lonely, the outcast, and always sharing a message of hope through faith in Christ.

As a church, BCA has a long history of reaching our community and our world with the Gospel message through compassionate care.

In 2018, we stepped out in faith together. We asked God to do something unprecedented in our history regarding local compassion outreach. We dreamed and prayed... what could happen if God provided a building strategically located in the heart of Everett, solely dedicated to compassion outreach? We asked God to guide us, to provide for us, and to give us an opportunity to serve Him in this way. And He answered!



In 2024, Bethany Compassion Center celebrates its fifth anniversary. You will see a clear story of God’s faithfulness as you look through these pages. Today, we are reaching more people than ever before with the hope and the love of Jesus Christ through local compassion work.

As exciting as this is, and as thankful as we are to God for all He has done, this is not a time to slow down — quite the opposite! We must continue to dream together, pray for greater miracles, step out in faith in greater ways, and be confident that Jesus Christ can transform our community and the world one life at a time.

We must continue to ask Him, “God, where is human suffering going unmet, and how can we, the people of God, respond for your glory and your Kingdom?”

*“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ — Matthew 25:40*

All for Christ,

**Pastor John Simpson**  
BCC Director





# COMMUNITY IMPACT IN 2023

Meals provided through our **weekend food bags**:

**20,240**

Meals provided through our **emergency food pantry**:

**2,282**

Women and children served through our **Women's Outreach**:

**328**

Students provided with a **backpack and school supplies**:

**315**

People served through our **rent and utility assistance**:

**219**

Patients served through **Lahai Clinic** (in six months):

**74**

# BETHANY COMPASSION CENTER GIVING

*In the last FIVE YEARS, BCA has given  
**\$1,279,113 to Compassion Outreach!***

Last year's giving: **\$226,340** | 2024 Giving Goal: **\$250,000**

Because of your faithful giving, we are making a difference through the 26 programs described in this booklet. Thank you for making this all possible.

If you are not already a BCC partner, you can help make Bethany Compassion Center a viable people-helping center for years to come by becoming one today.

**Compassion Partners** are individuals who regularly give to support compassion work in Snohomish County. If you or someone you know would like to make an impact, consider becoming a Compassion Partner by giving \$25, \$50, \$100, or more each month.

**Community Partners** are businesses and organizations that give monthly to support our work. If you have a business or want to share the opportunity with your employer, reach out to our team to learn more.

**Church Partners** work with the Compassion Center by referring people to our programs or donating items that benefit the underserved in our community. If you know a church that would be interested in partnering with us, we would love to connect.

Contact [johns@bethanycompassioncenter.com](mailto:johns@bethanycompassioncenter.com) or call us at 425-512-9696 to learn more about partnering with Bethany Compassion Center.

# SINGLE MOMS' SUPPORT GROUP

The Single Moms' Support Group offers a safe and hope-filled environment for healing and resources to empower moms to fulfill their dreams and God-given purpose.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

- This group meets weekly and is open to moms of all ages.
- This group meets during Wednesday night activities at the church simultaneously with the children's and youth programs.

## YOU CAN HELP

- If you know someone who needs support in one of these areas, let them know we are here.
- If you have a heart for single moms, join our team.
- Give financially to help us fund curriculum for group leaders.
- Pray for single moms to find connection and confidence to live out the incredible plan God has for them.

# SNACKS 4 KIDS

The Snacks 4 Kids program provides snacks for families participating in our Single Moms' Support Group.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

- Snacks are geared toward providing healthy things that children are most likely to eat.
- The goals are to help bridge the gap with items that single parents might find challenging to provide and to help stretch their dollars.

## YOU CAN HELP

- Give financially to help us purchase healthy snacks for kids in a single-parent home.
- Pray that God will protect and provide for these precious children and that He will surround them with Godly community.



# PREGNANCY RESOURCE CLINIC

The Pregnancy Resource Clinic (PRC) is an accredited medical clinic that provides education, resources, and compassionate care to help individuals facing unplanned pregnancies.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

- Many women considering abortion often do so because of a lack of resources or support. PRC hopes to provide both in the hopes that these expectant mothers will choose life for their unborn child.
- PRC clients are offered pregnancy counseling, STI tests, pregnancy tests, and ultrasounds free of charge.
- PRC clients can also shop for baby clothes and essentials in their baby boutique using points earned by attending parenting and birthing classes.
- BCC provides resources (car seats, diaper bags, diapers, etc.) to PRC as needs arise.

### YOU CAN HELP

- Donate new items for babies and parents facing an unplanned pregnancy. (See PRC's Amazon Wish List here: [amzn.to/3tBkpjJ](https://amzn.to/3tBkpjJ))
- Volunteer at PRC in their baby boutique or as a patient advocate.
- Give financially to help support these young families and their unborn children
- Pray that God will protect the staff and ministry, and that He will draw mothers and fathers in crisis to their doors.

# SPECIAL PROJECTS TEAM

Our Special Projects Team remains on call to help as we become aware of sporadic needs in our community.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

- The Special Projects Team is purely on-call. As we are informed of needs, we reach out to the team to find available volunteers.
- Projects include yard work, transportation to appointments, moving heavy items for a senior, etc.

## YOU CAN HELP

- Sign up to be a part of our Special Projects Team.
- Pray that we will be able to meet critical needs that are going unmet, and that God would open the doors for us to minister to people's spiritual needs in the process.

# CARL GIBSON CENTER PARTNERSHIP

The Carl Gipson Center offers a safe and caring environment of continued learning and social interaction for Everett residents, primarily seniors.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

- BCC provides a shuttle driver to transport seniors to local events and activities coordinated by Carl Gipson Center staff.
- All shuttle drivers are required to have a clean driving record in addition to the normal background check.
- Shuttle drivers only commit to 1-2 trips per month.

## YOU CAN HELP

- Sign up to become a shuttle driver for the center's events.
- Give financially to help support programs like this at the BCC.
- Pray for God to minister to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs of the elderly in our community.

# EVERGREEN RECOVERY CENTER

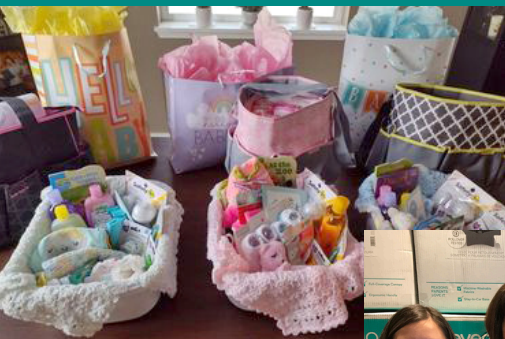
Evergreen Recovery Center is a residential program for single moms recovering from addiction.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

- BCC volunteers show love and care by putting together baby shower gifts for expectant mothers enrolled in the Recovery program.

## YOU CAN HELP

- Donate new and gently used baby items for the Evergreen baby showers.
- Give financially to help bring hope and show love to women in active recovery.
- Pray that God will break the chains of addiction forever for women at ERC and that He would comfort and protect the children there.



# EAGLE'S WINGS PARTNERSHIP

Eagle's Wings strives to bring persons with disabilities and the community at large together in relationship.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

- Each year, Bethany Compassion Center hosts a group birthday party for Eagle's Wings participants. The birthday party includes games, a meal, and gifts to celebrate our friends.

## YOU CAN HELP

- Sign up to serve at our next Eagle's Wings Celebration.
- Give financially to support programs like this at the Compassion Center.
- Pray that God would provide a leader with a passion to care for special needs people in our community.

## EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry bridges the gap for those in critical need of food.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

- Our pantry is stocked with items suitable for people without cooking facilities or for families needing a little help to get through the month.
- Those needing assistance can request food via our website or in-person at the Compassion Center.

### YOU CAN HELP

- Donate non-perishable items for the food pantry.  
*(See [bethanycompassioncenter.com/donations](http://bethanycompassioncenter.com/donations) for a list of needs.)*
- Give financially to help us keep the pantry stocked.
- Pray for the guests we serve to find provision and food security.

## WEEKEND FOOD BAGS

Food bags are packed weekly for students and their families struggling with food insecurity.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

- In just one of our partner schools, 100% of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch. Many of these children do not have sustainable food sources on the weekends.
- We distribute food bags on Fridays during the school year.
- We are now providing food for students at three local schools.

### YOU CAN HELP

- Donate new food items to be included in the bags.  
*(See [bethanycompassioncenter.com/donations](http://bethanycompassioncenter.com/donations) for a list of needs.)*
- Give financially to meet the critical need for food to help students and families thrive.
- Pray for families struggling to keep food on the table.

## HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

Holiday food baskets are provided three times per year (Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas) for families experiencing food insecurity.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

- Our goal is to provide 150 families with a special meal each holiday.
- BCC staff or volunteers follow up with each applicant to build relationships and assess other programs that may benefit the applicants.

### YOU CAN HELP

- Donate new food items to supplement purchased items.  
*(See [bethanycompassioncenter.com/donations](http://bethanycompassioncenter.com/donations) for a list of accepted donations.)*
- Sign up to help assemble the food baskets or assist with hosting on distribution days.
- Give financially to help provide food for families around the holidays.
- Pray for opportunities to share the gospel, and that hearts will be prepared to receive it.

# RENT & UTILITY ASSISTANCE

We provide **emergency** financial support to help prevent eviction or the loss of an essential need (like water or electricity).

## PROGRAM DETAILS

- Our assistance only covers rent, deposit payments, or utility bills.
- We vet applicants to ensure that our financial assistance helps people move forward rather than remaining in a cycle of dependence.
- This program is best suited to smaller needs or in conjunction with other organizations assisting. We cannot provide assistance for people severely behind on rent or utilities.

## YOU CAN HELP

- Give financially to help people maintain their housing and basic essential needs. We consistently receive \$ 1,000s more in requests each month than we have the funds to help.
- Pray for the increasing number of people struggling to make ends meet.

# ESL CLASSES

Weekly English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are offered on Saturday mornings, focusing on conversational English for adults.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

- Sessions run year-round with a break in the summer months.
- ESL classes are free-of-charge and open to all native languages.

## YOU CAN HELP

- Volunteer to help teach once a week.
- Give financially to help us provide ESL curriculum and support.
- Pray for creative ways to share the gospel with students.

## SUMMER BASH

This annual event allows us to connect to families in our neighborhood, provide a day of fun, and equip students with resources for the coming school year.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

- We provide lunch, games & activities, backpacks filled with school supplies, and groceries for attendees.
- Our goals for this event are to resource students and their families, build relationships in our community, provide a day of fun for families to look forward to, and increase awareness about BCC and our programs.
- The Summer Bash is a one-day event with opportunities to help in planning, prepping, serving the day of, and follow-up after the event.

### YOU CAN HELP

- Donate school supplies for our upcoming Summer Bash. *(See [bethanycompassioncenter.com/summerbash](http://bethanycompassioncenter.com/summerbash) for a list of needed items.)*
- Sign up to serve at the Summer Bash.
- Give financially to help us provide more food and school supplies at the event.
- Pray for 800 people to attend this year's Summer Bash and that we would have the opportunity to share the hope found in following Jesus.





# GIVING TREE

Each Christmas, we reach out to local families and provide gifts to children who otherwise would not have one to open on Christmas morning.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

- We provide gifts to children in struggling families to share some joy in a difficult situation.
- Families are referred by one of the local schools or one of our organizational partners. There is no open application.
- This outreach also serves as a point of contact for hurting families to gain awareness about BCC programs and for us to care for their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

## YOU CAN HELP

- Select a Giving Tree tag during November and return the unwrapped gift by the beginning of December.
- Give funds to purchase gift cards to supplement the donated gifts.
- Join the Christmas Outreach team to organize and wrap gifts as we prepare for distribution.
- Pray for families hurting during the holidays to find renewed hope and that their eyes will turn to Jesus.



## LAUNDRY OUTREACH

This program seeks to restore dignity, build relationships, and meet a critical need.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

- Laundry outreach takes place twice a week at the Compassion Center.
- Volunteers provide guidance on the machine use and interact with participants while their laundry is processing.
- Participants are responsible for handling their laundry, but we provide the supplies.

### YOU CAN HELP

- Join the laundry host team.
- Give financially to offset supply costs for this program.
- Pray for continued opportunities to build relationships with our laundry guests and that we will continue to see fruit through these efforts.



# RESOURCE ROOM (COATS & TOILETRIES)

Bethany Compassion Center keeps basic hygiene items, coats, and warm clothing on hand to provide to our guests.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

- Warm coats and a small amount of clothing is kept on hand at the Compassion Center and available to guests that walk in.
- We accept donations, but only have the capacity to hold a small amount of items.
- We do NOT accept dress clothes or children's clothes.

## YOU CAN HELP

- Volunteer to help organize and sort clothing on a monthly basis.
- Give financially to help support programs like this at the Compassion Center
- Donate new and gently used clothing, coats, or adult shoes (see restrictions above).
- Pray that God will use these resources to accomplish eternal work in many lives.

## ADOPT-A-STREET

We have partnered with the City of Everett to help keep our streets clean and share joy along the way.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

- The adopt-a-street team cares for a 2-mile stretch of Broadway.
- The city of Everett provides all safety equipment and supplies.
- Besides playing a part in keeping our city looking its best, we also look for opportunities to share the hope and love of Christ with those we encounter along the way.

### YOU CAN HELP

- Sign up to join the clean-up team three times per year.
- Give financially to support programs like this at the Compassion Center
- Pray that this team would have opportunities to meet and bless people on the street while serving.

# ADOPT-A-ROOM PROJECT

## THE UNHOUSED

BCC volunteers remodel and furnish rooms at the Everett Gospel Mission's Family Shelter.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

- Each year, we are committed to remodeling and furnishing up to four rooms at the shelter with special touches that make these rooms feel like a welcoming home.

### YOU CAN HELP

- Sign up to be a part of the remodel crew if you have skills and experience in remodeling or light construction.
- Sign up to be a part of the cleaning and set-up team, which puts the finishing touches on the rooms.
- Give financially to support the adopt-a-room materials.
- Pray for the families that will live at the shelter. Pray they find stable housing and the support their family needs to thrive.



## CANCER CARE PROGRAM

We provide support for people going through cancer treatment or providing care to a family member on a cancer journey.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

- We offer limited financial support to those going through or caring for an immediate family member on a cancer journey.
- Participants are matched with a Cancer Care Partner who provides emotional and practical support from personal or vocational experience.

### YOU CAN HELP

- If you are a cancer survivor, have cared for someone with cancer, or have vocational experience in this field, consider becoming a cancer care partner.
- Give financially towards the cancer care support fund.
- Pray for healing for all who are suffering with cancer. Pray that God will provide for them financially, and comfort them and their families.

## LAHAI HEATH

Lahai Health provides medical, dental, and mental health services to low-income individuals who are uninsured.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

- BCC serves as a north Snohomish County site for Lahai patients.
- Patient intake and scheduling is handled by Lahai Health.

### YOU CAN HELP

- Volunteer to drive the mobile unit (CDL required), to provide medical care if you are a healthcare professional, or assist with administrative tasks at the clinic.
- Give financially to support programs like this at the BCC.
- Pray for boldness to share the gospel, and wisdom to recognize the hearts that are ready to receive it.

# CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

The Chaplains team seeks to share the love of Jesus with our community by providing compassionate pastoral care to those in need.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

- The Chaplains team offers pastoral care and encouragement to BCC volunteers and leaders as opportunities arise.
- BCC Chaplains assist the pastoral staff in following up on prayer requests received by phone, email, or connection cards.

## YOU CAN HELP

- If you would like prayer and spiritual counsel (not licensed counseling), reach out to our chaplain team.
- Pray that God will continue to work through our chaplains in greater ways in the days to come.

# ENCOURAGEMENT PROJECT

The Encouragement Project builds relationships with seniors in our community to share the message and love of Jesus Christ and break the cycle of loneliness.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

- Volunteers are matched with a senior struggling with loneliness. Relationships are built through weekly visits, phone calls, or letter-writing.
- Program support leaders are in place to help support and provide accountability to volunteers in the program.

## YOU CAN HELP

- Sign up to be paired with a senior in need of connection.
- Give financially to help stamp out loneliness and isolation.
- Pray that we would find more people who could benefit from this ministry and that our volunteers would find ways to connect with those who are hurting and need encouragement.

## LIFE RECOVERY GROUPS

BCC Life Recovery groups provide a safe, grace-filled environment where men and women can find freedom over personal pain, addictions, and struggles.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

- Participants engage in group meetings and one-on-one opportunities that focus on recovery in a Christ-centered environment.
- The Men's Group meets on Saturdays at 9 AM, while the Women's Group meets on Saturdays at 10 AM.
- Sessions include testimonies and lessons to help participants experience success in their recovery journey.
- **Purity Program for Men** is one-on-one mentorship for men who want to pursue purity in their life.

### YOU CAN HELP

- Please help us spread the word! If you know someone who would benefit from one of these groups, let them know we are here.
- Become a men's purity coach/mentor or co-lead a life recovery group.
- Give financially to help us fund curriculum and resources for group leaders.
- Pray for group participants to find freedom from their addictions and struggles and that both groups will continue to grow.





# GRIEFSHARE & SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

GriefShare and Surviving the Holidays are groups specifically designed for those who have lost a loved one and are looking for support in the healing journey.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

- **GriefShare** offers a guided journey toward healing and wholeness for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. GriefShare runs in 8-week sessions in the spring and fall.
- **Surviving the Holidays** is a special class helping people navigate the holidays while walking through a season of loss and grief.

## YOU CAN HELP

- Please help us spread the word! If you know someone who needs support in one of these areas, let them know we are here.
- If God has brought you through a particular struggle or season of life and you feel led to help others navigate that challenge, we would love to talk to you about developing a support group.
- Give financially to help us fund curriculum and resources for group leaders.
- pray for those currently navigating their grief. May the Lord draw near to them in this season of struggle.



## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS (WIDOW SUPPORT GROUP)

Circle of Friends reaches out to widowed ladies with compassionate understanding and offers a warm atmosphere to address their unique needs.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

- Circle of Friends meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month.
- Meetings include guest speakers, discussion times, and special events and outings during the summer.

### YOU CAN HELP

- Please help us spread the word! If you know a widow who could use some connection, let them know we are here.
- Give financially to help support programs like this at the Compassion Center.
- Pray for the widows in our community to find a place of connection and support as they navigate this season of life.



## HOW CAN YOU SERVE?

Pregnancy Resource Clinic Volunteer  
Life Recovery Group Facilitator  
Encouragement Project Volunteer  
Cancer Care Partner  
Summer Bash Volunteer  
Adopt-a-Street Team  
Single Moms' Group Assistant  
Carl Gipson Center Shuttle Driver  
Eagle's Wings Team Lead  
Resource Room/Clothing Closet Manager  
ESL Tutor  
Laundry Outreach Host  
Everett Gospel Mission Remodel Team  
Special Projects Team  
Giving Tree/Christmas Outreach Team  
Holiday Meal Baskets Assembly & Distribution Team  
Lahai Health Driver or Healthcare Provider  
GriefShare Support Group Facilitator  
Give monthly to Bethany Compassion Center

***For questions or to sign up, contact Christy at  
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