

SPRING Update

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We Are Community Strong Thank you for your support

For 53 years, Issaquah Community Services (ICS) has been a pillar of support for our neighbors in need. What makes us truly unique is that we are an **all-volunteer organization**—every aspect of our work, from assisting clients to fundraising, grant writing, public outreach, accounting, IT systems, and governance, is handled entirely by our small, but dedicated cadre of volunteers. The absence of payroll obligations sets us apart from most nonprofits and allows us to maximize the impact of every dollar we receive. Your generosity directly supports emergency assistance for local families facing evictions and utility shutoffs.

Also, unlike many similar organizations, ICS is funded **exclusively by local donors and grants**—we do not receive any state or federal funding. This grassroots model not only reflects the deep commitment of our local community, but it also ensures that our support remains flexible, responsive, and directly tailored to the needs of our neighbors right here in Issaquah and Sammamish.

As we approach the **GiveBIG campaign**, we ask for your continued support. Your donations ensure that ICS can remain a vital resource for those facing hardship in our community. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a difference.

Thank you for standing with us and helping to make ours a more compassionate community!

Support ICS during GiveBIG! Visit [wagives.org/organization/issaquah-community-services](https://www.wagives.org/organization/issaquah-community-services) to contribute.



When a Job Loss Leads to the Brink of Homelessness

Jacob, 27, single, and on his own for years had always been able to support himself—until a sudden job loss turned his world upside down. Struggling to cover basic living expenses like rent and utilities, he found work in a local restaurant, but the hours weren't enough to make ends meet.

"I'm doing everything I can," he shared. "I'm applying for second jobs and hoping to hear back soon, but I just couldn't catch up in time."

When Jacob received notice that eviction proceedings had begun, he was feeling frantic. He could not afford to lose his housing and to have an eviction on his record. That's when he turned to Issaquah Community Services for assistance.

Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, ICS was able to help Jacob pay his past due and current rent—stopping the eviction process and giving him the breathing room to stabilize his situation.

Your support makes stories like Jacob's possible. Thank you for being part of a compassionate community that steps up for neighbors in crisis

Our Impact

- In 2024, ICS provided rent and/or utility assistance to 472 local households.
- In the first three months of 2025, ICS has assisted 125 households disbursing \$74,208.
- 72% of those helped in 2025 were families with dependent children.
- 83% of households helped had extremely low income (< %45,200 for a family of 4).

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