



# SPRING Update

April 2026



## Thank You For Supporting Our Neighbors!

As we move into spring, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our generous donors. Because of your support, Issaquah Community Services (ICS) continues to provide critical assistance to neighbors in crisis.

The need in our community remains strong. In the first three months of 2026 alone, ICS received 245 applications for help. From those requests, we were able to assist 123 households who met our eligibility guidelines. This represents 364 residents that were provided rent and utility support, for a total of \$76,740. Notably, 66.7% of those helped were families with children, and 96.7% of households served had low to very low incomes (below 50% of Area Median Income).

These numbers reflect real people—families working hard to stay housed and stable in the face of problems like job loss, medical catastrophe and rising fuel and grocery costs. Your generosity makes it possible for ICS to respond quickly and compassionately when neighbors need help most.

We invite you to continue this impact by supporting ICS during the **GiveBIG campaign on May 5**. Your gift—of any size—helps ensure we can meet the growing need in our community.

Thank you for being a caring member of our community.

Visit [wagives.org/organization/issaquah-community-services](https://wagives.org/organization/issaquah-community-services) to support ICS for the GiveBig campaign.

## ICS Steps In When A Dad Needs It Most



Adam is a devoted father doing his best to hold everything together. A widower with four children all under the age of ten, he works full time in the trucking industry, juggling a full time schedule with the constant demands of solo parenting. Every responsibility at home falls on him.

Recently, one of the children became seriously ill, and Adam had no choice but to stay home for a week to provide care. Without accrued leave, those missed days meant lost wages--putting immediate strain on an already tight budget. Before long, he fell short on rent and received an eviction notice.

Overwhelmed but determined, Adam turned to Issaquah Community Services. With ICS's help, he was able to catch up on rent and avoid losing his home. The support provided stability at a critical moment, allowing Adam to focus on his children and get back on his feet.

Like many families in our community, rising costs have made it hard for Adam to build savings, so even a single setback—like a child's illness—can quickly become a housing crisis.

## Our Awesome Volunteers



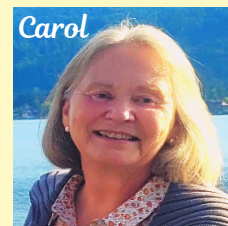
Elaine

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Elaine Davis and Carol Schneider for their years of dedicated service to ICS.

Elaine has served on our board for more than 12 years. Her contributions have enhanced every part of our work— from grant writing and newsletters to community outreach and beyond.

Elaine's commitment, creative ideas, and leadership have made a lasting impact on our organization and the neighbors we serve. While we will miss her on the board, we're grateful she will continue as a volunteer.

Carol has provided outstanding leadership as Board President over the past three years. She has been a balanced, inclusive, and steadying force. Always positive and encouraging, Carol's guidance has strengthened our organization and steered our mission. We're happy she will remain on the board as a member at large.



Carol

Learn more about us and volunteer at [www.issaquahcommunityservices.org](https://www.issaquahcommunityservices.org)

