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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS AS KEY PARTNER IN SERVING HOMELESS YOUTH !

Boys & Girls Club to provide targeted services for homeless families!

BELLEVUE, WA – As part of an ongoing partnership of organizations in Bellevue, King County’s Best Starts for Kids strategy has selected to fund Boys & Girls Clubs and the Bellevue School District to better serve homeless youth in King County.

Working to extend the thoughtful partnership between these organizations, A three-year \$855,000 grant was awarded to provide stable, enriching summer and after-school programs for more than 200 students in the Bellevue School District who are experiencing homelessness.

Through this grant, Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue and the Bellevue School District will be the primary program providers and will receive program enrichment support from key partners including KidsQuest Children’s Museum, YMCA of Bellevue and Bellevue Parks and Community Services.

Homeless youth will receive free, high-quality summer and after-school programming that includes homework help, STEAM technology-based programming (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math), as well as enrichment programs like cooking, fine arts and leadership.

“We are really excited about this effort” says Kathy Haggart, President/CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue. “It’s our mission to provide programs for those families most in need and through this grant, and with the involvement of our great partners, we are providing much needed stability for families.”

This important grant is part of King County’s overarching strategy to support organizations that provide high-quality, consistent, culturally relevant summer and after-school programs for underserved communities. Best Starts for Kids awarded only seven place-based partnership grants representing 26 organizations in King County over the next three years.

ABOUT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BELLEVUE

Founded in 1952, Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue serves more than 11,000 members and families through 13 Clubhouses located in Bellevue. BGCB provides a safe, fun place that encourages kids to choose healthy lifestyles, get involved in their communities and achieve academic success. The Club’s mission is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. To learn more about Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue, please visit www.bgcbellevue.org.