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SUBJECT: Jubilee in the Community Update

This program update will provide information about the Jubilee in the Community program, which provides exterior home maintenance assistance to Bellevue homeowners who are in need.

Jubilee in the Community (renamed from “Day of Sharing and Caring” in 2024) is a partnership between the City of Bellevue and Jubilee REACH, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting local residents and connecting the community in service. The program assists Bellevue homeowners who face physical or financial barriers in maintaining their properties by providing services such as yard cleanup, power washing, junk removal, and fence repair. 2024 was the 16th year of the partnership and the program continues to grow, increasing the number of homes served, community volunteer participating, and the number of residents and neighborhoods positively impacted by the personalized care and service provided by Jubilee REACH staff and the community.

Beyond direct home improvements, the program facilitates neighbors’ desire to support each other and strengthen Bellevue’s social fabric. Many homeowner participants express deep gratitude and share that the program has allowed them to remain in their homes with dignity. Volunteers also report a high level of satisfaction, and many return year after year to contribute to their community through Jubilee in the Community.

Program Growth and Participation

In 2024, Jubilee in the Community completed 124 projects, which is an increase from 109 in 2023. This past year, there were 90 projects for first-time applicants and 34 projects for homeowners who have previously been part of the program. In 2024, the program engaged 953 volunteers, who contributed hundreds of service hours to support Bellevue residents through the program.