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## **The Big Blue Truck™ is on its way to Bellevue Eastgate Plaza!**

Seattle, WA – Bellevue residents will be able to drop off their reusable clothing and household items with local non-profit and registered 501(c)(3), Northwest Center. **The Big Blue Truck™** will be parked at 15100 SE 38<sup>th</sup> Street, near Albertsons. A driver is available to help donors unload their items and provide a tax deductible receipt. The proceeds from the collected donations support the programs and services that Northwest Center provides to children and adults with disabilities.

The donation drop-off will be open seven days a week, from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. beginning Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>. For a complete list of items accepted visit [www.bigbluetruck.org](http://www.bigbluetruck.org) or call (800) 992-2060. Donations are tax deductible. Donors receive a \$3 off coupon to Value Village stores.

One of the earliest methods Northwest Center used to fund these programs was the collection and sale of reusable clothing and household items. Starting with residential pickups, The Big Blue Truck™ soon became a symbol of Northwest Center and the programs and clients we serve. Over the years, The Big Blue Truck™ has expanded into new neighborhoods, established clothing donation bins at local businesses, organized clothing drives -- and introduced donation stations, like the one now open in the Bellevue area.

When you drop off items at The Big Blue Truck™ you are doing more than cleaning out your closets and getting a tax deduction. Donations divert items out of landfills; provide affordable options to local families and, most importantly, the proceeds from donations assist Northwest Center to continue programs and services to children and adults with disabilities.

### **ABOUT NORTHWEST CENTER**

Since 1965, Northwest Center has been a leader in advancing equal opportunities for children and adults with developmental disabilities. Northwest Center's mission is to promote the growth, development and independence of people with developmental disabilities through programs of education, rehabilitation and work opportunity. Northwest Center's award-winning services for children provide early intervention, inclusive early childhood education, teen programs and after school programs. Services for adults include supported employment, job training and placement. Our unique social enterprise model allows our programs to thrive through a sustainable combination of profits from our own inclusive businesses, donations collected by The Big Blue Truck™, program revenue, and philanthropy. Northwest Center touches the lives of nearly 1,000 families annually. For more information and to get involved: [www.nwcenter.org](http://www.nwcenter.org)

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