

Faith & Finance Ally Opportunity

The ally has three primary goals:

1. Intentionally walk alongside a Faith and Finances participant as they walk toward alleviating poverty in their own life.
2. Increase your awareness of barriers and thoughts that make helping the poor difficult.
3. Use the experience of building a friendship with a person/family in poverty to advocate within the community to change the beliefs and systems that promote poverty.

Time commitment: 12 Hours first month, 2-4 hours/month thereafter.

We offer an estimate of time members give toward impact activities each month. This can vary from month to month depending on a participant's commitment, availability and the changing needs of participants.

1. We ask that you commit to building a friendship with a faith and finances participant for 12 months.
2. Attend first 3 Faith and Finances discussion groups, final graduation session and actively practice the concepts learned.
3. After you are matched with an EGM guest, you will have:
 - a. at least one monthly contact with your participant
 - b. periodic ally support activities the you can participate in
 - c. phone and in person contact with your participant as needed throughout the month

Skills and Abilities Required:

Potential Allies must...

- Be able and comfortable working with diverse individuals.
- Have sound communication skills.
- Possess a desire to make a difference in the community.
- Have the willingness to learn and ability to be coachable.
- Attend ally training one week before Faith and Finances starts.
- Pass background check through the state of Washington.

Support and benefits for Allies:

1. Three orientation sessions
 - a. Ally Training one week before Faith and Finances begins.
 - b. Specialized orientations as necessary for specific roles.
2. Regularly scheduled Ally support sessions
3. Collaboration with the other allies; you are not left in isolation
4. Staff available to answer questions, provide mentoring, and assist with conflict resolution

As an Ally, you will work with the EGM team to support the goals Faith and Finance participants set to get out of poverty. Through this experience, we hope that you will not only have the chance to help alleviate poverty in Snohomish County, but experience deeper, authentic, and transforming relationships with those experiencing homelessness.

“One of the greatest lessons we will ever learn in life is that relationships are really the only thing worth pursuing.” -Past Ally

