

# Wellspring Quarterly Newsletter

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## Food Bank & Wellspring on Wheels (WOW)



Our food operations remain busy this year. At the Food Bank, we've served nearly 2,000 clients and distributed over 21,000 lbs of food so far this year.

And, in the Wellspring on Wheels (WOW) program, we've served 7,630 clients and distributed 33,117 lbs of food to date this year!

When you add those numbers up, we've served **over 9,600 food-insecure clients & distributed 27 tons of food so far this year!**

## After-School Program

Attendance in the After-School Program continued to fluctuate due to the pandemic. But, we had many faithful youth who appreciated numerous enrichment activities.

We partnered with the Allen County Bar Association this past Spring who introduced a curriculum about getting youth interested in law careers. Children even had the opportunity to ZOOM with Mayor Tom



**A special THANK YOU to the following BUSINESSES & CONGREGATIONS who supported Wellspring this past quarter!**

- **The Church of Jesus** that donated snacks for Youth Summer Day Camp.
- **Matilda Jane, Smiley's Joy,** and **Magnolia + Moss Mercantile** (formerly Outer Grace) for their generous clothing donations.
- **Trinity Episcopal Church, Trinity English Lutheran Church,** and **First**

Henry, pictured below, to ask him all sorts of questions.

**We served, on average, 8 youth a day during the second quarter of 2021.**



### Wellspring Shoppe

We continue to be busy at the Shoppe having served 1,122 clients in need of free quality clothing and distributing 9,279 items of clothing to date this year.

Meet Shanda Harris pictured below. She had a shopping appointment at the Shoppe back in May. Shanda noticed a wedding dress on one of our mannequins and mentioned she was getting married in the Fall. Shanda said she needed a wedding dress, but the one on the mannequin was too small. So, staff went to the back and found another wedding dress, and et voila this one worked fitting Shanda perfectly.

**This is WHY we do what we do at Wellspring.**



Presbyterian Church for their ample food donations especially around Easter.

- First Wayne Street United Methodist for their financial support of Youth Summer Day Camp.
- And, Aldersgate United Methodist, Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Grace Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church, Congregation Achduth Vesholom, Open Door Chapel, Unitarian Universalist Church, and the Fort Wayne Friends Meeting for their financial support of Wellspring operations.

### **THANK YOU you to the following FOUNDATIONS for supporting Wellspring this past quarter!**

- Charles Kuhne Charitable Foundation
- Community Block Grant Funding
- English Bonter Mitchell Foundation
- Foellinger Foundation
- Howard P. Arnold Foundation
- Journal Gazette Foundation
- Lincoln Financial Foundation
- Mary Cross Tippmann Foundation
- St. Joseph Community Health Foundation
- United Way of Allen County
- Spencer Foundation
- Wilson Foundation

### Older Adult Program



Welcome Mandy Waters (L) and Taylor Bushroe (R). They are our new Older Adult Program Coordinators.

We're thrilled they joined the Wellspring family to reboot the Older Adult Program. Plenty of planned activities are in the works, and our seniors are super excited this program is coming back even stronger than before.

**Stay tuned for more exciting details about the Older Adult Program later this Summer!**



Wellspring's efforts during this last quarter were recognized by the media!

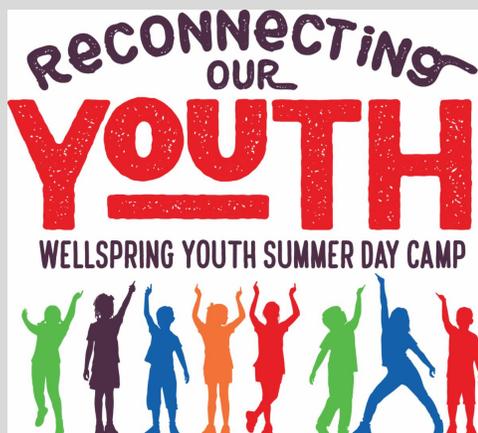
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### Television

"Over \$500,000 in federal COVID-19 funds is being awarded to Fort Wayne-area nonprofits," FOX55 WFFT, 5/27/2021, Click [here](#).

"19 non-profits awarded total of \$540K from City of Fort Wayne," WANE 15, 5/27/2021, Click [here](#).

"Summer camps around Fort Wayne prepare to reopen with some modifications." FOX55 WFFT, 5/20/2021, Click [here](#).



We're still in the middle of our Youth Summer Day Camp and can't wait to share more about it in our Summer edition in early September.

But, here's a sneak peak at some of the fun they've had so far!

### How can YOU help?

Financial, food, hygiene products, and clothing donations go a long way at Wellspring!

We often need helping hands, too.

So, if you're looking for a new volunteer home, give us a call at (260) 422-6618!

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