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Wellspring for Waynedale Distribution

(Fort Wayne, IN) – Wellspring Interfaith Social Services, Inc. is extending its regular Food Bank hours on Thursday, June 23 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm for those adversely impacted by the derecho storm and inflation. Food, hygiene items, pet food and more will be available to clients until supplies last.

Wellspring has served at-risk clients since 1968. The pandemic brought Wellspring to the forefront of food insecurity in Fort Wayne with a 103% increase in food insecure clients served from 2020 to 2021, and then an additional 143% increase from 2021 to 2022. Over 46,500 were served these two years combined and 123 tons of food distributed. As a result, Wellspring has since become the sixth largest food pantry of 112 food pantries in Allen County.

Wellspring remains committed to combatting food insecurity because hunger and poor nutrition are deeply connected with health. People who are food insecure or who lack access to healthy foods like fruits and vegetables are disproportionately affected by diet-sensitive chronic diseases, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and cancer. Not having enough healthy food can also have serious implications for a child's physical and mental health, academic achievement, and future economic prosperity.

Wellspring is located at 1316 Broadway and interested clients must enter from Broadway. There will be two lanes of traffic for this drive-thru distribution event, and no identification is needed to participate.

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