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— 2022 Annual Report —

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Wellspring  
Serving Fort Wayne's Central City Every Day.

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# With Gratitude



This report presents the numerous achievements that mark our past year of success, as measured by the thousands of lives which benefited from our services. Our exceptional growth would not have been possible without community support. We are extremely grateful for all our dedicated volunteers, staff, community partners, and you, our donors.

As cost of living continues to rise, Wellspring continues to see more of our neighbors seeking food assistance for the first time and being faced with difficult choices between buying food for their children or paying their rent.

With your support, we will be able to continue to serve the neediest clients in our community. With prices continuing to rise, we don't expect the need for our services to decline anytime soon. Wellspring will continue to provide a support system for low-income individuals and families throughout the Greater Fort Wayne area.

*Ermina*

Ermina Mustedanagic, Chief Executive Officer

Mission: People of faith serving the social, physical, and educational needs of the community in Allen County.

## Wellspring Staff

### First row sitting left to right:

Kristy Sue Brewer, Brook Ringenberg, Ermina Mustedanagic, Mary Klopfer, Cierra Thomas.

### Second row standing left to right:

Diane Tabner, Mandy Waters, Alicia Pearson, Sam Bruening, Lois Ehinger, Linda Hansen, Kimberly Michaelson.

*Not pictured: Bill Rondeau, Melissa Joseph and Richard Phillips*





# We are Wellspring



## 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Community Volunteer

Where in our community can a struggling family go to receive healthy food, quality clothing for all ages, after-school care for their children, or lunch for their older parents, all with no charge? Where can residents go to find relief when their wages do not keep pace with rising costs?

Wellspring Interfaith Social Services is a nonprofit in West Central that is easing the burden for many families in Allen County.

In 2022, as the pandemic ebbed, a full range of services returned at Wellspring. One of our strategic goals has been to mobilize services to make it easier to reach needy families. For example, Wellspring on Wheels took food and personal hygiene items throughout the county in 2022. We continue to evaluate service delivery models while at the same time offering essential services at our 55-year-old community center in the heart of Fort Wayne.

All of this has been made possible by YOU! YOU are the ones improving the lives of our hungry neighbors, lonely seniors and school-age children. YOU made 2022 happen.

There are not words to adequately express our thanks, but all of us at Wellspring appreciate you more than you know.

*Rachel*

Rachel Tobin-Smith, MSW, LCSW, Board President



## Current Board of Directors

**Left to right first row:** Rev. Sara Ofner-Seals, Lisa Weston, Branden Wildey, Rachel Tobin-Smith, Dr. Leonard Mastbaum; **Second row:** Ethan Brown, Steve Smethers, Jeffrey Griggs, Zachary Zehner, Jim Matthews, Mark Rudolph, Dr. Jim Wehrenberg; **Not pictured:** Ashley Hand, Dr. Shenita Bolton, Rev. Kenneth Christmon, Terri Lindvall, and Dr. Scott Miller

## Programs

# Food Bank

Food insecure individuals across Allen County depend on our help in the daily food bank. In 2022, we served 6,203 individuals providing them with 132,000 pounds of food at 20,603 visits. Most food banks in Allen County prepackage food offerings. Wellspring offers families the option to choose the food they will actually use in their household. We continue to see a consistent and staggering increase in the number of new families seeking food assistance.

**"I was nervous to visit Wellspring food bank for the first time. After I shared my struggles with my church, they recommended Wellspring. As soon as I walked through the door, I felt welcomed. From the receptionist to the volunteers filling up my truck with groceries. I will be forever grateful." CLIENT**

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## Programs

# Wellspring On Wheels

### MEETING NEIGHBORS WHERE THEY ARE

Wellspring on Wheels delivers healthy nutritious food and hygiene items to food insecure neighborhoods in Allen County. In the last year, we have served 5,590 individuals and distributed 32,480 pounds of food.

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**"I have vision problems and can't drive. If Wellspring on Wheels didn't come to my neighborhood, I would be hungry. Thank you to all who are involved in this program." MARK**



## Programs

# Youth Programs



Research shows that high-quality after-school programs improve students' educational outcomes, school attendance, and social and emotional learning. Consistent participation in after-school programs results in lower dropout rates and helps to close achievement gaps for low-income students. After the school day ends, 1 in 5 kids across America are alone and unsupervised. These hours—from 2 to 6 p.m.—are the peak time for juvenile crime. After-school programs turn that time of risk into opportunity, keeping kids safe and helping them realize their full potential. In our community, Wellspring's After-School Program and Summer Day Camp are inspiring learning, providing safety, promoting smart choices, and supporting working parents.

Cost and access continue to be barriers to participation in after-school programs, with about 3 in 5 parents mentioning this as the reason they did not enroll their child in such a program. With your continued support, Wellspring will continue to provide after-school and summer day camp programs to our community free of charge. In 2022, 244 students participated in our programs.

2022

**After School and Summer Day Camp Program** SERVED **244** youth

## Programs

# Program for Older and Disabled Adults



We help senior citizens and adults with disabilities stay connected to the community and achieve holistic wellness through our daily programming. In 2022, 134 individuals participated in this program. Participants benefited from greater socialization and interaction with others, improved physical and mental health, and increased ability to maintain independence.



**"After I lost my wife, I had no desire to live. My doctor recommended that I find a social program in the area. After the first visit to Wellspring, I felt relief and hope. I enjoy the program very much."** DAN

IN 2022

**Program for Older and Disabled Adults** SERVED **134** seniors

## Programs

# Clothing Shoppe

Through our boutique-style clothing bank, we provide quality clothing free-of-charge to residents in need. In 2022, our clothing shoppe served 2,205 individuals and gave out 25,966 pieces of clothing. All items in the shoppe are donations from individuals, and partnering stores that provide us their extra inventory. Clothing on our racks is in the best condition and quality, only without a price tag.

IN 2022

**The Wellspring Shoppe** SERVED | **2,205** clients

**“I mentioned to a friend that I needed to find something impactful and active to do in my retirement and she encouraged me to check out the Wellspring Shoppe. That was about six months ago and I love working here!**

**One thing I really like about it is that we’re giving clothing a second chance.**

**All of this fabric is not just getting tossed into a landfill, it’s getting a new life. People in the community are seeking out Wellspring and we have the privilege of taking care of what they have donated.**

**There is also incredible dignity in shopping here. The Shoppe is kept so nice – it’s just like a boutique where people would pay big money – so our clients find some real treasures. And when they come in full of worries, they seem to always leave with a different attitude – they are happy. I’ll ask them “Are you finding some good things?” And they’ll be beaming and respond “Yes! I’m finding things for my....” and then they tell me all about their family, which is fun.**

**Volunteering here is also so busy that I’m able to leave my own worries at home. Time flies – it’s physical without being strenuous and there’s always something to do. It’s also a very safe environment to work in, as parking is close to the building and the doors are kept locked and only opened for clients with appointments. I also really enjoy the social aspect of volunteering here. It’s a fun group of volunteers and staff, welcoming and supportive.**

**Wellspring is a really great place to volunteer as a retiree or a young person in search of service hours. I’m glad I finally listened to my friend and gave volunteering at the Wellspring Shoppe a try.” LYNN**

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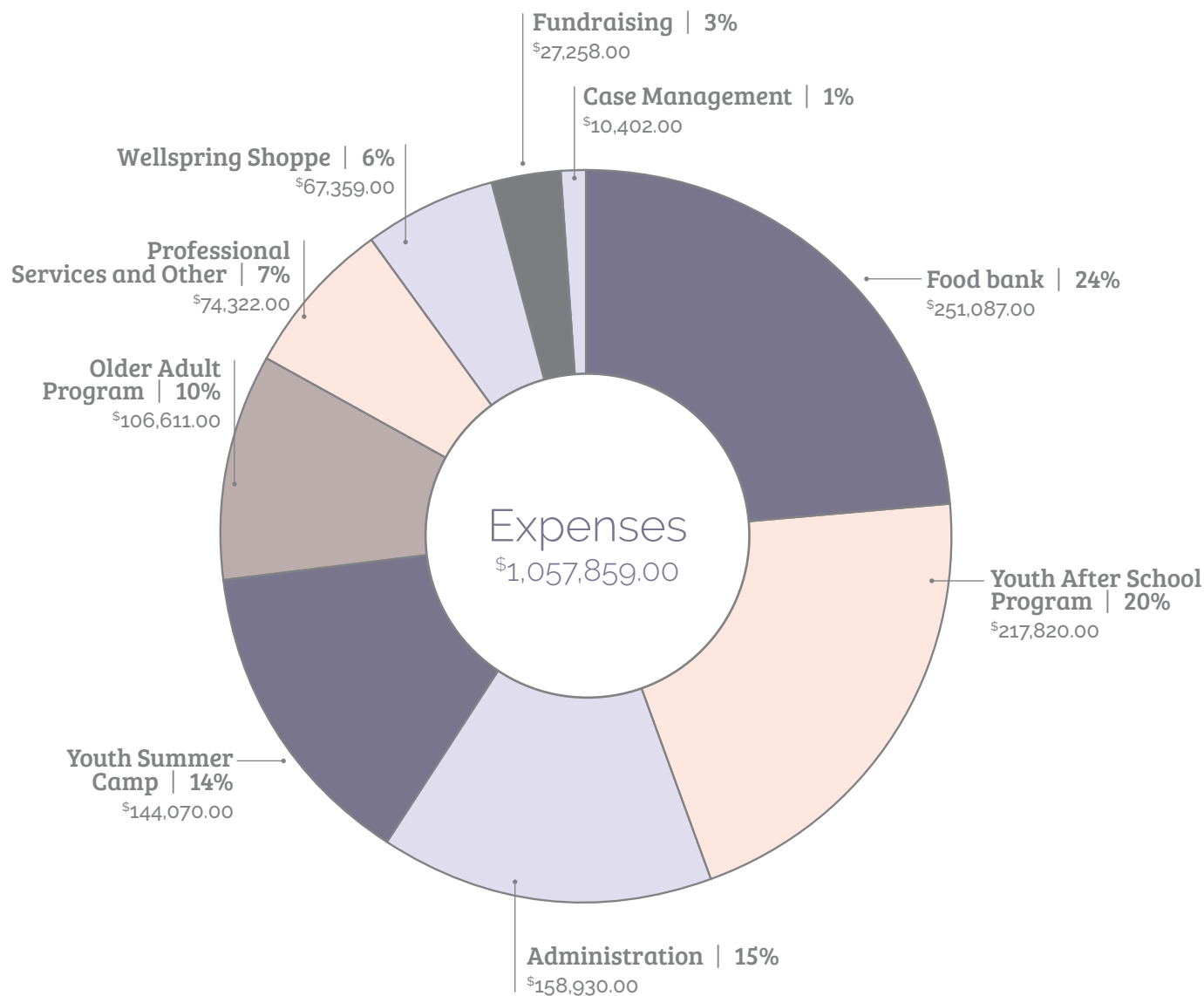
"I've always been a helper – a "nursey person."  
When I was a little girl, every one of my dolls had broken arms and I would spend hours bandaging and taking care of them. Now that I'm retired from my career in nursing, I've found that volunteering at the Wellspring Shoppe fulfills that part of me that **MUST** help others. It's no secret that the best part of the giving – in this case, the giving my time – is what I am receiving in return. Maybe what I've done has made someone else's day a little brighter – I get a smile, hear

a thank you, or see the satisfaction on a client's face when they accomplish what they came to the Shoppe to do. In fact, client stories are the best part of volunteering here. The young woman who's going to have a baby next month, the mom of nine who lost everything in a fire, the homeless man who has a job interview and wants to look nice for it – This is my "why." My coworkers are terrific too. Being a part of a great group of people who also thrive on helping others just enhances the volunteer experience." ROSANNE



Wellspring  
*Shoppe*

# 2022 Income and Expenses



## Unique Client Numbers

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Food Bank.....             | 6,203         |
| Wellspring on Wheels ..... | 5,590         |
| Youth Program.....         | 244           |
| Older Adult Program.....   | 134           |
| Clothing Shoppe.....       | 2,205         |
| <b>TOTAL.....</b>          | <b>14,376</b> |

Revenue and Support  
\$901,398.00

Net Assets  
\$747,893.00

Wellspring provided OVER **23,000** visits for these clients



## Foundations 2022

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| American Family Insurance Foundation       | Journal Gazette Foundation                     |
| AWS Foundation                             | Lincoln Financial Foundation                   |
| Bae Systems Foundation                     | Magee-O'Connor Foundation                      |
| Chaffee Family Foundation                  | Mary Cross Tippmann Foundation                 |
| Charles W. Kuhne Charitable Foundation     | Nisource Charitable Foundation                 |
| Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne | Prophet Sisters Foundation                     |
| Council on Senior Services                 | Psalm Foundation                               |
| Don & Virginia Wolf Charitable Foundation  | Renaissance Charitable Foundation              |
| Edward & Hildegard Schaefer Foundation     | St. Joseph Community Health Foundation         |
| Edward M. & Mary McCrea Wilson Foundation  | Starbucks Foundation: Neighborhood Grants Fund |
| English, Bonter, Mitchell Foundation       | Tim and Libby Ash Family Foundation            |
| Flora Dale Krouse Foundation               | United Way of Allen County                     |
| Foellinger Foundation                      | Waterfield Foundation                          |
| Howard P. Arnold Foundation                | Zollner Foundation                             |
| Ian & Mimi Rolland Foundation              |  |

## Top Supporters



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United Way of Allen County

# Ways to Help

## Make a Donation

Every gift has the ability to make a difference and change a life. You can make a donation today using a QR code.



## Memorial or Honorary Gifts

Recognize your loved ones by making a donation of any size to Wellspring in their honor.

## Planned Giving

Planned giving uses tax, financial and estate planning techniques to benefit the donor and the nonprofit organization. Charitable gift annuities and bequests in your will are two of the most popular ways of making a gift.

## Matching Gifts

Many companies encourage charitable giving through matching programs. Check to see if your employer will multiply your donation to Wellspring or allow automatic deductions.

## Sponsor our Food Bank

Your sponsorship is featured on social media and annual report. A decal of your business logo is featured on our Wellspring on Wheels van. Yearly sponsorship has a great impact on the success of our food bank.

## Give Stocks

A gift of stocks can provide significant benefits to you and Wellspring.

## Volunteer

Volunteer in our Food Bank, Wellspring Shoppe, Youth Programs, and Older Adult Program.



“When the opportunity to mentor was brought to me by Sgt. Webb and Wellspring was a location, I took it. I have enjoyed my relationship with Wellspring through the WOW vehicle and have come to appreciate the staff and their commitment to the community.

This program was no different! The staff was welcoming and engaging and allowed for relationships to form. But, boy, did I hear it from the kids when I had to miss a session! We read and played and did homework and just talked about what was important to them. An hour goes by so fast!

I have been blessed by this program and look forward to seeing these children in the summer as well.”

MITCH MCKINNEY, DEPUTY CHIEF AT FORT WAYNE POLICE DEPARTMENT







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to our neighbors in need.

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