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SUMMER NEWSLETTER



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Fort Wayne, IN 46802



A word from our CEO

Dear Donor,

Recently, I read an article highlighting that 38.3 million Americans are experiencing food insecurity

and don't know where their next meal will come from.

Unfortunately, 11.7 million of this population are children. In our community Wellspring's food bank serves 70–80 families daily and provides them with nutritious food as well as hygiene items. Eighty-five percent of these households in need have children. While less discussed than food poverty, clothing poverty is an equally stigmatized issue. Wellspring Shoppe, which is always free of charge, serves 50–60 low-income families each week. Providing free clothing is a crucial need for families. Just this past month, we provided clothing for grandparents who are raising their grandkids. Like many their age, these grandparents live on social security income and don't have enough money to spend on their grandkids for back-to-school clothes. At Wellspring we provided proper fitting clothes and shoes for all of them. In addition, we partnered with other nonprofits in town who have helped the kids get school supplies.

Some studies show that elderly loneliness and social isolation may increase the risk of dementia by 50%, stroke by 32% and mental illness by 26%. Wellspring continues to offer our Older and Disabled Adult Program that focuses on healthy living and social needs. The program includes local field trips, home cooked meals, wellness classes, bingo, and care they deserve.

While the needs of our county's residents have never been greater, every day we see the impact of our donors' generosity and investments. Families in need are served at no charge with your support. We could not provide such services without the huge commitment of our community partners like you. Thank you for your financial support that keeps the doors open so we can serve the needs of our neighbors.

Sincerely,

Ermina Mustedanagic, CEO



We just wrapped
up another
successful year of
Summer Day
Camp! Staff are
busy gearing up for
our After School
Program.





Our food bank programs continue to grow. Compared to last year we have already seen a 52% increase in the families we have served.





With almost 60
appointment times
a week, the Shoppe
staff and
volunteers keep
busy meeting an
unmet need in our
community.





Our Older and
Disabled Adult
Program strives to
help clients' social,
mental, and
physical needs to
achieve holistic
wellness.



Thank you to our top 5 supporters!













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This is a great way to share the mission and happenings of Wellspring with your friends and family!

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YOU impact lives!

While I was recovering in a nursing home, my belongings were sold. I had no clothes, no shoes, not even a hat. I am so grateful Wellspring was here. Without Wellspring I would not have such nice and good fitting clothes. I even got the most beautiful sun hat.

This was the first month I have been able to pay my bills on time. That is all because of the kind people at Wellspring.

I can pick up extra shifts in the evening and not have to worry about my kids home alone or what they will eat for dinner.

Meet our new Development and Marketing Director, Samantha.



Samantha Glover is pleased to be a part of Wellspring as the Development and Marketing Director. Samantha has always been passionate about working in the non-profit sector and brings over ten years of experience in the field.

"I'm excited to bring my skills and knowledge to Wellspring. I have a strong passion to help those in need and am honored to be part of such an awarding organization!"

- Samantha

I was having problems finding food for myself this summer. I go to FWCS for food for my kids but they don't provide lunch for adults. Some days I didn't eat, because my children always come first. But they were starting to question why mommy isn't eating. I can't say thank you enough for providing food for my children and me.

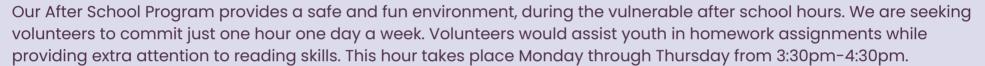
TO HELP US CONTINUE SERVING, SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT WAYS YOU CAN DONATE TODAY!



Calling all Volunteers: After School Program

Our After School Program is in need of some volunteer help. We have been seeing the detrimental effect of online learning on students. Nearly 50% of our youth are not reading at the age or grade levels. Some struggle to even read at all. This affects not only their academic career but may carry on in their futures. Wellspring is committed to helping students overcome this hindrance in their lives. We strive to bring the reading levels of our youth to where it should be. This is the foundation that will improve their social, academic, and future success.

If you have a passion to help our youth and are able to give one hour of your day, please consider becoming a volunteer for our youth department. With your help we can provide a more individualized approach to learning. This approach empowers our youth to achieve academic and social success. Together we can foster their growth and lay the foundation for brighter futures.



If you have a passion to make a meaningful and long-lasting impact in the lives of our youth, we invite you to contact our youth department. Only with the help of volunteers can we improve our youth's reading and pave the way for academic success!

If interested, please contact our youth department at youthdept@wellspringinterfaith.org.





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New Partnership

Wellspring is excited to announce a new partnership with Parkview's Ronald McDonald Care Mobile. Care Mobile delivers services at no charge to children 0-18 without medical insurance. Beginning in August, Care Mobile will

be at Wellspring once a month.



Services Include:

- Wellness visits
- Immunizations
- Screenings
- Point of care testing
- Fluoride treatments
- Childhood health and safety education

