



## SUMMER NEWSLETTER



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serving the social,  
physical, and  
educational needs of  
the community in  
Allen County.

### We accept long term

### appreciated securities now!

Make a bigger impact today! Wellspring now accepts donations of long term appreciated securities including stocks and mutual funds. Compared to donating cash or selling your appreciated securities and contributing the after-tax proceeds, you may be able to automatically increase the value of your gift and tax deduction.

#### Why donate securities?

1. You'll generally take a tax deduction for the full fair market value. Your contribution and tax deduction may increase significantly, in some cases, up to 20%.
2. Reduce capital gains
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4. It is incredibly easy



If you are interested, please contact Erminda at 260-422-6618 x112 or [erminda@wellspringinterfaith.org](mailto:erminda@wellspringinterfaith.org).

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# 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*  
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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## 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.

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.

### CONNECT WITH US TODAY!



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

## 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

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.



Our After School Program provides a safe and fun environment, during the vulnerable after school hours. We are seeking volunteers to commit just one hour one day a week. Volunteers would assist youth in homework assignments while providing extra attention to reading skills. This hour takes place Monday through Thursday from 3:30pm-4:30pm.

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](mailto:youthdept@wellspringinterfaith.org).



## 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

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